

**SENATE RESOLUTION**  
**8675**

*By Senators Constantine, Kohl-Welles, Thibaudeau, Kline, McAuliffe, Shin, Prentice, Jacobsen, Rasmussen, Eide, Fairley, Patterson, Roach, Oke, Sheldon, B., and Spanel*

*WHEREAS, A party of settlers led by Arthur A. Denny arrived aboard the schooner Exact at Alki Beach on the morning of November 13, 1851; and*

*WHEREAS, This group of twenty-four men, women, and children was welcomed and aided by Chief Seattle and members of the Duwamish and Suquamish Tribes; and*

*WHEREAS, Most of the "Denny Party" relocated to the area of present-day Pioneer Square and downtown Seattle the following spring; and*

*WHEREAS, This group of pioneers dreamed of establishing a great city and port on Elliott Bay, a "New York Alki," meaning New York, by and by, and joined with other early settlers to pursue this vision; and*

*WHEREAS, The arrival of the Denny Party at Alki Beach is widely recognized as the "birth" of modern Seattle and King County; and*

*WHEREAS, The social, economic, political, and physical development of today's Seattle-King County metropolitan community has unfolded within the remarkably brief span of just two average human lifetimes; and*

*WHEREAS, The Seattle-King County metropolitan community has evolved into the largest center of population and economic activity in the Pacific Northwest; and*

*WHEREAS, November 13, 2001, will mark the one-hundred and fiftieth anniversary, or sesquicentennial, of the arrival of the Denny Party; and*

*WHEREAS, The sesquicentennial of this event offers an appropriate opportunity for the residents of the metropolitan community and the entire state to honor and learn from the struggles, sacrifices, and achievements of their forebears in laying the foundation for the world we live in today; and*

*WHEREAS, Local governments and community groups, including the Association of King County Historical Organizations, the Museum of History and Industry, the Southwest Seattle Historical Society, and the Log House Museum, are planning appropriate commemorations of the sesquicentennial of the arrival of the Denny Party; and*

*WHEREAS, Local governments, historical societies, foundations, businesses, and individuals have developed the nation's first nonprofit, community-based online encyclopedia of local history, HistoryLink.Org, to help preserve, enrich, and disseminate the story of the past one-hundred and fifty years;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate honor November 13, 2001, as the sesquicentennial of the arrival of the Denny Party and the founding of modern Seattle and King County; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate salute all of the people of Seattle and King County, native and newcomer, living and departed, for their vision and determination in striving to create a better life and stronger community for themselves and their descendants; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted immediately by the Secretary of the Senate to the King County Executive, the Mayor of Seattle, and the Mayors of King County's other municipalities, for distribution to the*

*public, and to representatives of the families of the Denny Party and of Chief Seattle.*

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8675,  
adopted by the Senate April 19, 2001.*

**TONY M. COOK**  
*Secretary of the Senate*