

SENATE RESOLUTION
8618

By Senators Kastama, Rasmussen, Carrell, Regala, Eide, Roach, Franklin and Fraser

WHEREAS, The annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival is a cherished tradition for the people of Pierce County and the Northwest; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Daffodil Festival is to focus national and regional attention on our local area as a place to live and visit, to give citizens of Pierce County a civic endeavor where "dreams come alive," fostering civic pride, to give young people and organizations of the local area an opportunity to display their talents and abilities, to give vent to citizens' enthusiasm in parades, pageantry, and events, and to stimulate the business economy through expenditures by and for the Festival and by visitors attracted during Festival Week; and

WHEREAS, 2005 marks the seventy-second annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival; and

WHEREAS, The Festival began in 1926 as a modest garden party in Sumner and grew steadily each year until 1934, when flowers, which previously had been largely discarded in favor of daffodil bulbs, were used to decorate cars and bicycles for a short parade through Tacoma; and

WHEREAS, The Festival's 2005 events are ongoing and will culminate with the April 16, 2005, Grand Floral Street Parade, winding its way from downtown Tacoma through the communities of Puyallup, Sumner, and Orting; and

WHEREAS, This year's Festival royalty includes princesses Cydney Anderson, Emerald Ridge High School; Katherine Barry, Franklin Pierce High School; Megan Bushnell, Orting High School; Jessica Dewitt, Mt. Tahoma High School; Denise Fernandez, Washington High School; Natalie Hanni, Sumner High School; Grace Hanson, Bethel High School; Laura Kelly, Fife High School; Bonney Lozada, Wilson High School; Karly McKee, Eatonville High School; Whitney Miller, Lakes High School; Serena Mitchell, Curtis High School; Vi Nguyen, Lincoln High School; Margaret Nivison, Stadium High School; Natasha Ratliff, Henry Foss High School; Brittany Schneider, Puyallup High School; Megan Slater, Spanaway Lake High School; Caseylie Talania, Clover Park High School; Chya Thompson, Chief Leschi High School; and Kellie Thompson, Rogers High School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington recognize and honor the many contributions made to our state by the Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival and its organizers for the past seventy-two years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the 2005 Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival Officers and to the members of the Festival Royalty.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8618,
adopted by the Senate
March 9, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate