

SENATE RESOLUTION
8653

By Senator Honeyford

WHEREAS, Mabton, Washington, located in Yakima County, at the eastern edge of the Yakima Indian Reservation, officially incorporated on November 7, 1905; and

WHEREAS, Mabton, grew around the Northern Pacific Railroad, which linked both ends of the valley on the southwest side of the Yakima River by 1887; and

WHEREAS, The town's name is an abbreviation of Mabletown, which was named for a railroad official's daughter Mable; and

WHEREAS, One of Mabton's most memorable occasions came in 1911, when Teddy Roosevelt made a short train stop and spoke to a small gathering on the rail platform; and

WHEREAS, Yakima Chief Ranches Inc., in Mabton, is considered one of the largest hop operations in the world; and

WHEREAS, Mel Stottlemire, a pitcher and later a pitching coach for the New York Yankees, who won 164 games for them as a pitcher from 1964 to 1974, with three 20-win seasons, is from Mabton; and

WHEREAS, Mabton's local farmers established the Hay Palace on September 15, 1915, built of 1,000 tons of baled alfalfa hay, which included displays of farm products, a rodeo, and vaudeville acts and music in a theater and auditorium also built of hay bales, to promote the bumper crops of alfalfa and other hay grown around Mabton; and

WHEREAS, Legendary Senator Irv Newhouse was a farmer and rancher from Mabton who served the 15th Legislative District for 34 years and was known as a staunch defender of agriculture; he wielded considerable influence in leadership positions for the Senate Republican Caucus, first as floor leader and later as President Pro Tempore; his name now adorns a building on the capitol campus in recognition of his honorable service to the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Mabton's first City Council consisted of: Mayor, T.W. Howell; Clerk, W.T. Livingston; Treasurer, J.C. Sanger; Councilmen, J.A. Humphrey, J. Beaudry, John Schnell, J.C. Phillips, A.M. Creamer; Marshal, H.A. Young; and Police Judge, A.M. Nicholas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the City of Mabton as it celebrates its 100th anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Mabton city leaders, including Mayor David Conradt; City Administrator Ildia Jackson; Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Kay Roy; Police Chief Raul Almeida, and Council Members Ernesto Armendariz, Velva Herrera, Virginia Molina, John Reynolds, and Vera Zavala.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8653,
adopted by the Senate
March 29, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate