SENATE RESOLUTION 8621

By Senators Hewitt, Rasmussen and Kohl-Welles

WHEREAS, There are over 200 local Chambers of Commerce in the state of Washington representing approximately 65,000 small businesses and employing over 3,000,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Chambers of Commerce raise over 40,000,000 dollars annually for local community enrichment projects, involving more than 20,000 volunteers who generously give their time and talent; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Chambers of Commerce managed in excess of 4,000,000 visitor and relocation inquiries last year, and at the same time served over 25,000 businesses that sought information about expanding their companies in our state; and

WHEREAS, Chambers of Commerce across Washington state have served their local communities with distinction, dedication, and dignity, enhancing the state's economy and improving the quality of life for its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate officially recognize the invaluable work local Chambers of Commerce provide to both the economy and citizens of this state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the United States Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8621, adopted by the Senate February 7, 2007

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate