

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senator Roach

WHEREAS, Wilkeson was first incorporated by the Legislative Assembly of Washington on July 24, 1909; and

WHEREAS, In 1869, Samuel Wilkeson declared the forests of the Cascade Mountains the "most enchanting forest on the globe"; and

WHEREAS, The name of Wilkeson was selected in honor of the railroad pioneer Samuel Wilkeson; and

WHEREAS, Wilkeson was established in 1877 with the opening of the Northern Pacific Railroad Depot and Wilkeson Post Office; and

WHEREAS, In 1877, the Wilkeson depot provided for transportation of the prominent coal and sandstone industries of the region; and

WHEREAS, Coal provided from the city of Wilkeson was instrumental in fueling the region's businesses, families, and shipping industry; and

WHEREAS, The sandstone used to construct the Washington State Capitol came from the sandstone quarry of Wilkeson; and

WHEREAS, The city of Wilkeson maintains a rich historical district with five properties on the State's historical register; and

WHEREAS, Four hundred forty citizens proudly call Wilkeson their home; and

WHEREAS, Wilkeson's centennial birthday will be commemorated by a sandstone monument sculpted by Paul Keeslar; and

WHEREAS, Citizens, elected officials, and community leaders celebrate Wilkeson's historic centennial with a 100th birthday celebration on July 18, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate the city of Wilkeson and residing citizens for celebrating Wilkeson's centennial; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Wilkeson Mayor Janet Kepka, to the Wilkeson Centennial Committee Chair Donna Hogerhuis, and to the monument's sculptor, Paul Keeslar.