

SENATE RESOLUTION
8706

By Senator Eide

WHEREAS, Federal Way, Washington celebrates 20 years of cityhood on February 28, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Over 88,000 dynamic and diverse residents of Federal Way take pride in their community by working, planning, and volunteering together for successes in business, education, arts, growth, and development; and

WHEREAS, Federal Way's public school system is recognized as one of the best in the state with advanced technology, advanced placement, and international baccalaureate classes and access to Highline Community College and DeVry University; and

WHEREAS, Federal Way offers the beauty of the Pacific Northwest with five miles of Puget Sound waterfront to the west and Mt. Rainier majestically seen to the east and features 29 city parks and walking trails; and

WHEREAS, Federal Way's West Hylebos Wetlands Park is a regional treasure featuring a 120-acre forested wetland preserve enjoyed by tens of thousands of visitors annually and stewardship of the Hylebos Creek salmon stream by the Friends of the Hylebos and its many volunteers, sets a positive example for urban environmental stewardship in the Puget Sound Region; and

WHEREAS, Federal Way is always growing with many new attractions for residents and visitors, including the new City Hall, the Federal Way Community Center, Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center, Celebration Park, the EX3 Ron Sandwith Teen Center, Dumas Bay Park and Knutzen Family Theater, Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection, and Wild Waves Theme Park; and

WHEREAS, St. Francis Hospital in Federal Way is recognized as one of the top hospitals nationally and Virginia Mason Medical Center offers 39 clinical specialties to serve thousands of patients each year; and

WHEREAS, Businesses and corporations, such as Weyerhaeuser Company, World Vision, Washington Education Association, Baden Sports, Washington State Golf Association, Washington State Trucking Association, and many others, make their headquarters in Federal Way; and

WHEREAS, There must be something in the water in Federal Way that produces two world-renowned Olympic medal-winning short track speed skaters, Apolo Anton Ohno and J.R. Celski;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate acknowledge and honor the city of Federal Way, Washington, in its first 20 years of cityhood and the many more that will follow.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8706,
adopted by the Senate
February 25, 2010

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate