

SENATE RESOLUTION

8671

By Senators Keiser, Fain, Hasegawa, and Fraser

1 WHEREAS, In the 1860s, Westerners first settled permanently in
2 Titusville along the fertile banks of the White River, now called the
3 Green River; and

4 WHEREAS, Hop production was the major source of income for
5 Titusville residents during the 1880s, and in 1889, Titusville was
6 renamed Kent for Kent County, the major hop producing region in
7 England; and

8 WHEREAS, Just six months after Washington State was founded, Kent
9 became the second city in King County to be incorporated, with a
10 population of 793; and

11 WHEREAS, The Kent Valley has some of the most fertile land in
12 Washington, and hundreds of early immigrants were attracted to the
13 Valley to farm fruits and vegetables; and

14 WHEREAS, The first telephone was installed in Kent in 1902 and
15 the first automobile arrived in 1905; and

16 WHEREAS, West Valley Highway was partially paved in 1912, and
17 four years later the Kent City Council passed the first speed limit
18 law; and

19 WHEREAS, The first lunar rover was developed at Boeing's Kent
20 Space Center, followed by the creation of next generation rockets at
21 Blue Origin in Kent, and brilliant scientists and engineers today are
22 developing the world's most advanced vehicles in Kent; and

1 WHEREAS, The Kent Valley is now the fourth largest
2 manufacturing and distribution center in the United States,
3 making it an economic engine that generates \$49 billion
4 annually, one-eighth of Washington State's entire gross domestic
5 product; and

6 WHEREAS, Kent is home to constituents in Washington State's
7 11th, 33rd, and 47th Legislative Districts; and

8 WHEREAS, From its roots in hops and lettuce farming to
9 aerospace and high-tech manufacturing, Kent has come a long way
10 since it was first incorporated on May 28, 1890; and

11 WHEREAS, Kent is now a globally connected hub of innovation,
12 with nearly 125,000 residents, making it the sixth largest city
13 in Washington, and home to a culturally fluent population who
14 collectively speak 137 different languages;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
16 Senate celebrate the City of Kent's 125th anniversary, and the
17 many contributions that Kent makes to our state and region.

18 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
19 do hereby certify that this is a true and
20 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8671,
21 adopted by the Senate
22 April 21, 2015

23 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
24 Secretary of the Senate