

SENATE RESOLUTION

8728

By Senators Parlette, O'Ban, Bailey, Rolfes, Conway, Chase, Pedersen, Becker, Fraser, and Dammeier

1 WHEREAS, Washington's apple industry is a major contributor to
2 the economic health of both the state and its people; and

3 WHEREAS, The city of Wenatchee is preparing to celebrate the 97th
4 annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival to take place from
5 April 28th through May 8th, 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival, which began as a one-day
7 gathering of poetry and song in Wenatchee's Memorial Park, is one of
8 the oldest major festivals in the state, first celebrated in 1919
9 when Mrs. E. Wagner organized the first Blossom Day; and

10 WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival celebrates the importance of
11 the apple industry in the Wenatchee Valley and its environs; and

12 WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival recognizes three young women
13 who by their superior and distinctive efforts have exemplified the
14 spirit and meaning of the Apple Blossom Festival; and

15 WHEREAS, These three young women are selected to reign over the
16 Apple Blossom Festival and serve as ambassadors to the outlying
17 communities as princesses and queen; and

18 WHEREAS, Emily Holmes has been selected to represent her
19 community as a 2016 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her strong
20 academic performance and extracurricular activities, including being
21 a member of the National Honor Society and a cheerleading captain, a
22 third-year American Sign Language student who participates in deaf
23 community outreach, a fund-raiser for cancer, and a singer of the

1 National Anthem at football games and the Wenatchee Wild hockey
2 games, and for her everlasting commitment to her community; and

3 WHEREAS, Sami Everhart has been selected to represent her
4 community as a 2016 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her
5 community service, including being an assistant coordinator on
6 ASB and being the president of the National Honor Society; her
7 extracurricular activities, including participating in drama
8 club musicals, working as a hostess at the Wok-About Grill, and
9 being an active participant in productions of the Music Theatre
10 of Wenatchee; and her long-standing support of the community she
11 has always lived in; and

12 WHEREAS, Kori Martin has been selected to represent her
13 community as the 2016 Apple Blossom Queen, in part for her
14 achievements as the senior class president, a marketing intern
15 for the Town Toyota Center, and the Washington State DECA State
16 President, as well as her volunteering for the Lighthouse
17 Ministries, her passion as a softball player, taking care of her
18 dogs, and her love for the people of Wenatchee Valley; and

19 WHEREAS, These three young women all desire to share their
20 proven talents and leadership ambition to serve their community
21 and be an encouragement to those they encounter;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
23 Senate honor the accomplishments of the members of the Apple
24 Blossom Festival Court and join the city of Wenatchee and the
25 people of the state of Washington in celebrating the Washington
26 State Apple Blossom Festival; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
28 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Queen
29 Kori Martin, Princess Emily Holmes, Princess Sami Everhart, and
30 the board of directors and chairpeople of the Washington State
31 Apple Blossom Festival.

32 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
33 do hereby certify that this is a true and
34 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8728,
35 adopted by the Senate
36 March 2, 2016

- 1 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
- 2 Secretary of the Senate