HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4620, by Representative Chambers

1 WHEREAS, For over 90 years the annual Daffodil Festival has been 2 a cherished tradition for the people of Pierce County; and

3 WHEREAS, The Daffodil Festival has been an anticipated event that 4 continues to bring communities together to celebrate unity within our 5 diverse community; and

6 WHEREAS, Since its inception in the 1920s as a modest garden 7 party, it has grown into the festival that we all know and love today 8 and this year celebrates its 90th anniversary; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year, 24 young women pass through a rigorous 10 selection process to represent their schools as well as Pierce County 11 communities through ambassadorship, community service, and civic 12 pride; and

13 WHEREAS, Members of the Daffodil Festival royal court serve as 14 role models for youth around our region. Their volunteerism, civic 15 responsibility, and willingness to be ambassadors for Pierce County 16 serve as a light for youth to look up to; and

WHEREAS, This year's Daffodil Festival royal court includes: Alena Haynes, Puyallup High School; Vivian Llorens Hernandez, Lakes High School; Kiana Kniest, Bonney Lake High School; Kiara Ramos-Carrillo, Sumner High School; Anna Kuepker, Orting High School; Aurora Sieverson, Curtis High School; Audrey Spencer, White River High School; Mariya Startseva, Foss IB High School; Oluebube Ndugba, Fife High School; Emma Holmes, Stadium High School; Kyona Fox-Flores,

Silas High School; Hope Isom, Rogers High School; Kaitlyn Cotton, 1 Emerald Ridge High School; Katelyn Schwanz, Franklin Pierce High 2 School; Melony Bridgeman, Bethel High School; Hannah Kralik, 3 Eatonville High School; Kaitlyn Nguyen, Lincoln High School; Adrianna 4 Bhan, Clover Park High School; Carissa Milton, Graham Kapowsin High 5 School; Sarah-Angeles Edmonson, Spanaway Lake High School; Marissa 6 7 Romero, Washington High School; Breannah Bartlett, Mount Tahoma High School; Kayliana Young, Chief Leschi High School; and Melody Molina-8 9 Vazquez, Harrison Prepatory;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House 11 of Representatives recognize and honor the many contributions made to 12 our state by the Daffodil Festival, its organizers, and its royal 13 court for the past 90 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the 2023 Daffodil Festival officers and to the 24 members of the 2023 Daffodil Festival royalty.

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