## SENATE RESOLUTION 1999-8645

By Senators Honeyford, Morton, Sheahan, Hale, McCaslin, Swecker, Stevens, Deccio, Hochstatter, Rasmussen and Fraser

WHEREAS, The Outlook Grange was the first grange in the Yakima Valley, formed in 1908, to bring farmers together to talk politics, market prices, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, members of Outlook Grange have raised money for local community service projects through their annual grange dinner and by selling cheeseburgers and hot dogs at the Central Washington State Fair; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, the grange helped Yakima Fire District No. 5 build a fire hall for a truck to protect nearby orchards, dairies, and farms; and

WHEREAS, The grange contributes to the local political framework by hosting candidates' nights during election season and informing its members of legislative action through state grange newsletters and legislative updates; and

WHEREAS, The Outlook Grange promotes children's literacy through sponsorship of a children's reading program at Outlook Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Grange members hold a yearly auction and donate proceeds to the Sunnyside Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, The families, farmers, and community members in the Yakima Valley admire Outlook Grange No. 256 for its long-time commitment to unity, liberty, and charity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and honor the men and women of the Outlook Grange No. 256 for their charitable giving, their nonpartisan political action, and their solid contributions to the Yakima Valley as they celebrate their ninetieth anniversary as an active local grange.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8645, adopted by the Senate April 9, 1999.

TONY M. COOK Secretary of the Senate