SENATE RESOLUTION 8639

By Senators Regala, Kastama, Franklin, Rasmussen and Winsley

WHEREAS, The Tacoma Guitar Company was started in 1995 and has grown to become the third largest guitar manufacturer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, All Tacoma Guitar Company guitars are crafted in the State of Washington from the finest quality solid wood; and

WHEREAS, The Tacoma Guitar Company was awarded the 2003 Marco Polo Award for small and medium-sized businesses; and

WHEREAS, The award was given out by the Tacoma World Trade Center on the basis of outstanding contributions to the region through international trade; and

WHEREAS, The Tacoma Guitar Company has more than 450 active dealers in the United States, 26 Canadian dealers, and 25 international distributors; and

WHEREAS, The Tacoma Guitar Company sells more than 60 models of guitars to over two dozen countries; and

WHEREAS, Tacoma guitars are among the most innovative and high quality instruments in the world; and

WHEREAS, Tacoma guitars are favored by many world-renowned artists including Peter Frampton, Bonnie Raitt, and Bob Dylan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate congratulate the Tacoma Guitar Company for its recent acquisition of the Marco Polo Award and recognize the manufacturer as an outstanding contributor to the City of Tacoma, the County of Pierce, and to the State of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Ferdinand Boyce, Tacoma Guitar Company President.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8639, adopted by the Senate March 28, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR. Secretary of the Senate