

SENATE RESOLUTION
8723

By Senators Honeyford and Johnson

WHEREAS, Skamania County, Washington was created on March 9, 1854; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County's original boundaries extended from the foothills of the Cascade Mountains to the crest of the Rocky Mountains, its county seat located on the southeast corner of the land claim of J.A. Chenoweth who, in the summer of 1854, was appointed Associate Justice of the Washington Territorial Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, The County's officers were appointed on March 23, 1854; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County is known for Mount St. Helens, the western base of Mount Adams, the Columbia River Gorge, majestic forests, mountains and streams, and unique geological events; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County citizens and visitors enjoy excellent hiking, hunting, fishing, winter recreational sports, windsurfing, boating, bird watching, and wildlife viewing; and

WHEREAS, People from all over the Pacific Northwest and beyond venture to Skamania County to experience its exceptional scenic, natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, In 1805-06 the Lewis and Clark Expedition traversed Skamania County, helping to open up the west to settlement and development, and in so doing named Beacon Rock, an 848-foot core of an extinct volcano, today a hiker's favorite; and

WHEREAS, The Skamania County area has been home to the Cascade Chinook Tribe for more than 10,000 years; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County was part of the water route for the Oregon Trail, and once had a portage railroad to help settlers circumvent the treacherous Cascade rapids; and

WHEREAS, The Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad completed its route through the Cascade Mountains in Skamania County on March 11, 1908, at a Golden Spike Ceremony connecting the eastern United States with the Pacific Northwest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the rich history of Skamania County and acknowledge that on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Skamania County will celebrate its 150th birthday (1854-2004), to which the public is invited, at the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum, 990 S.W. Rock Creek Drive, Stevenson, Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Skamania County administrators.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8723,
adopted by the Senate
March 9, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate