

SENATE RESOLUTION
8744

By Senator Hewitt

WHEREAS, On April 25, 1854, the Washington Territorial Assembly created Walla Walla County by setting aside 110,000 square miles; and

WHEREAS, Walla Walla County will celebrate its sesquicentennial on April 25, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The Walla Walla board of county commissioners has selected a county flag designed by Janice Mason to commemorate the historical event; and

WHEREAS, In 1805 Lewis and Clark first passed through Walla Walla County; and

WHEREAS, Walla Walla County was one of the first areas in the region between the Rockies and the Cascades to be permanently settled; and

WHEREAS, Fort Walla Walla was built in 1818, which later became a military fort in 1856; and

WHEREAS, Washington State's Constitution was ratified in Walla Walla County; and

WHEREAS, Walla Walla County had the first institution of higher learning in the Pacific Northwest with the establishment of Whitman Seminary, now Whitman College; and

WHEREAS, The first bank in Washington, Baker Boyer National Bank, was established in Walla Walla in 1869; and

WHEREAS, The first railroad service opened in 1891 as the Walla Walla/Columbia Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Walla Walla County is best known for its Walla Walla Sweet Onion, where high standards must be met to use the genuine Walla Walla Sweet label; and

WHEREAS, Walla Walla County is home to two of the world's largest farms, having the largest Concord grape vineyard known as the Snake River Vineyard and the largest apple orchard known as the Broetje Orchards; and

WHEREAS, Walla Walla County has received national and international acclaim for its world class wines; and

WHEREAS, The city of Walla Walla was recently put on the National Trust for Historic Preservation and received the 2001 Great American Main Street Award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of Washington, that Walla Walla County be congratulated and honored for its prominent achievements and outstanding contributions to the state of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the county commissioners of Walla Walla County.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8744,
adopted by the Senate
March 11, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate