

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8699

By Senators Rasmussen, Schoesler, Delvin, Honeyford, Jacobsen, Keiser, Haugen, Spanel, Pridemore, Shin, Hargrove, Murray, Kohl-Welles, and Sheldon

WHEREAS, One-third of the nation's potato exports are produced in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Washington ranks second in the nation in the total production of potatoes and first in per acre yield of potatoes; and

WHEREAS, The economic impact of potato production, processing, and packing is estimated to be 3.4 billion dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, Washington potatoes have a farm gate value (price farmers are paid) of over 550 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Washington potato growers have won national awards for sustainable agricultural practices for the use of water and fertilizers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize the men and women in the state of Washington who work to make the Washington potato industry successful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize the contribution that this valuable industry makes to the strength and vitality of the state's economy and wishes to thank the Washington State Potato Commission for sponsoring Potato Day on the Capitol Campus on January 23, 2008.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8699,  
adopted by the Senate  
January 16, 2008

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate