

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2009-4649, by Representatives Condotta and Armstrong

WHEREAS, Washington's apple industry is a major contributor to the economic health of both the state and its people; and

WHEREAS, The City of Wenatchee is preparing to celebrate the 90th annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival to take place from April 23 through May 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival, which began as a one-day gathering of poetry and song in Wenatchee's Memorial Park, is one of the oldest major festivals in the state, first celebrated in 1919 when Mrs. E. Wagner organized the first Blossom Day; and

WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival celebrates the importance of the apple industry in the Wenatchee Valley and its environs; and

WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival recognizes three young women who by their superior and distinctive efforts have exemplified the spirit and meaning of the Apple Blossom Festival; and

WHEREAS, These three young women are selected to reign over the Apple Blossom Festival and serve as ambassadors to the outlying communities as Princesses and Queen; and

WHEREAS, Breanna Allstot has been selected to represent her community as a 2009 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her strong academic performance as a Running Start Participant, and diverse array of extracurricular activities and interests, including her passion for music, her athletic abilities in varsity bowling, her care for others, and the generosity she shows by giving of her time to children's musical productions at her church, in addition to her jovial demeanor and strong faith; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Higgins has been selected to represent her community as a 2009 Apple Blossom Princess, in part for her passion for theater and music as demonstrated by her participation in every drama production throughout high school, and her membership in Chamber Singers, and Hy-land Kids singers, for her commitment to academic excellence, in addition to her genuine, lighthearted nature, which is exemplified through her positive, caring attitude; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Safar has been selected to represent her community as the 2009 Apple Blossom Queen, in part for her compassionate and humble spirit, and her strong leadership ability as shown through the organization of several school activities including freshman orientation and the 11th annual Janice Franz Talent, her strong academic performance and participation in extracurricular activities including varsity swimming and Chamber Singers, in addition to her playful, spontaneous nature, and heartfelt love for people; and

WHEREAS, These three young women all desire to utilize their unique leadership capabilities to humbly serve their communities and be a blessing to those they meet;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington honor the accomplishments of the members of the Apple Blossom Festival Court and join the City of Wenatchee and the people of the State of Washington in celebrating the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Queen Katherine Safar, Princess Breanna Allstot, Princess Rebecca Higgins, and the Board of Directors and Chairs of the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4649 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 15, 2009

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk