

SENATE RESOLUTION
8612

By Senators Becker, Hewitt, Delvin, McCaslin, Swecker, King, Morton, Franklin, Roach, Marr, Carrell, Parlette, Keiser, Brandland, Stevens, Honeyford, Schoesler, Kilmer, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, and Fraser

WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate honors the unique and distinguishable achievements of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Miss Washington Scholarship Organization exists to provide personal and professional opportunities for young women and to promote their voices in culture, politics, and the community; and

WHEREAS, The Miss Washington Scholarship Organization makes available more than \$473,000 in scholarships for its contestants each year; and

WHEREAS, Janet Harding of Yelm was crowned as Miss Washington in July of 2008 at Pantages Theater in Tacoma; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harding is the daughter of Myrna and Ron Harding and a 2005 graduate of Yelm High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harding is currently a student at Western Washington University, where she is studying elementary education, social studies, and communications; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harding serves on the Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Washington and directed the first annual Miracle Bowl for Kids to benefit Children's Miracle Network; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harding previously served as Miss Tahoma, and has volunteered for more than 30 nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harding is competing in Las Vegas as one of 52 national finalists for the crown of Miss America 2009, with the winner announced on January 24th; and

WHEREAS, Last year, the Miss America Organization and its state and local organizations made available more than \$45 million in cash and scholarship assistance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harding wants to continue her service in the future by reaching her career ambition as an elementary school teacher;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate does hereby acknowledge and honor Janet Harding, Miss Washington 2008, for her commitment to public service and for serving as a role model to young women across our state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Miss Washington Scholarship Organization, Miss Washington 2008 Janet Harding and the Harding family.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8612,
adopted by the Senate
February 11, 2009

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate