

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4616, by Representative Jenkins

1 WHEREAS, The first creamery in Washington was started in Cheney
2 in 1880; and

3 WHEREAS, Washington's dairy industry is actually older than the
4 state itself; and

5 WHEREAS, Cows were first brought to Washington in 1838; and

6 WHEREAS, Dairy farms can be found in 27 of Washington's 39
7 counties; and

8 WHEREAS, There are 33 certified organic dairies in Washington;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Families across Washington have depended on the safe and
11 nutritious dairy products provided by the dairy farmers of Washington
12 state for generations; and

13 WHEREAS, Dairy is an essential part of a healthy diet, is one of
14 the major food groups represented on the United States department of
15 agriculture's "MyPlate" dietary guidelines, and three cups of dairy
16 products per day are recommended for people nine years old and older;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, There are nearly 260 family dairy farms in Washington
19 state with approximately 257,000 dairy cows; and

20 WHEREAS, Dairy ranks as the second highest agricultural commodity
21 produced in Washington, with economic impact valued over one billion
22 dollars; and

