

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4629, by Representative Steele

1 WHEREAS, It is the tradition of the Washington state legislature
2 to recognize and honor excellence in all fields and endeavors; and

3 WHEREAS, The Apple Blossom Festival is the oldest major festival
4 in Washington, with the first festival being started in 1920, and it
5 attracts over 100,000 people over 11 days to the Wenatchee area; and

6 WHEREAS, The festival's mission is to provide an annual family-
7 oriented event that celebrates and showcases the people, heritage,
8 and fruit industry in that community; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year, three young women are chosen as queen and
10 princesses to represent the Apple Blossom Festival in their Royal
11 Court; and

12 WHEREAS, Ella Johnson was selected as queen and Daeja Carlson and
13 Yasmin Perez were selected as princesses for the 2025 Apple Blossom
14 Festival Royal Court; and

15 WHEREAS, Ella Johnson attends the River Academy, where she serves
16 as House Leader, leads a middle school girls Bible study, and helps
17 with middle school girls volleyball; she is a varsity athlete at
18 Wenatchee High School for golf, participates in Unified Basketball,
19 and played high school and club volleyball for three years; after
20 graduation, she plans to attend Point Loma Nazarene University to
21 double major in history and economics, in preparation for law school;
22 however, she is most excited about one day becoming a mom; she
23 desires to represent the Wenatchee Valley and the Apple Blossom

1 Festival by way of her servant's heart, her involvement and deep love
2 for the Valley's special community, and the compassion she pours out
3 to others based on the inspiration she derives from her faith; and

4 WHEREAS, Daeja Carlson attends Wenatchee High School and
5 Wenatchee Valley College through Running Start and is an active
6 member of her church; she is the President of her Distributive
7 Education Clubs of America, the section editor for the Wenatchee High
8 School newspaper, and participates in various clubs including the
9 Technology Student Association, English Honors Society, and People's
10 First Club; she plans to attend San Diego State University to get her
11 doctoral degree in neuroscience, with a double-major in business,
12 hoping to have a private practice as a sports neuropsychologist; and
13 she desires to represent the Wenatchee Valley as a role model for
14 other young girls in the Valley, as an encouragement for younger
15 generations and as an uplifting Wenatchee Valley citizen; and

16 WHEREAS, Yasmin Perez attends Eastmont High School and Wenatchee
17 Valley College through Running Start, where she is on the Dean's
18 List, demonstrating her dedication, hard work, and commitment to
19 academic excellence; she plays soccer and other sports with her
20 siblings and plays the guitar; she job shadows at a dental office to
21 learn more about health care and after graduation plans to pursue a
22 career in the medical field to help care and provide for others who
23 may not be aware of how to access proper care; and she desires to
24 represent the Wenatchee Valley as the first in her family to pursue a
25 college education while still in high school and as an encouragement
26 to others to persevere knowing that anything is possible;

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
28 of Representatives honor and recognize the 2025 Apple Blossom
29 Festival Royal Court for their excellent achievements in their
30 studies, acts of service, sports, hobbies, and other pursuits; and

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
32 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk to Queen Ella Johnson,
33 Princess Daeja Carlson, Princess Yasmin Perez, and the organizers of
34 the Apple Blossom Festival.

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