

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Gildon, Conway, and Hasegawa

1 WHEREAS, For 93 years the annual Daffodil Festival has been a
2 cherished tradition for the people of Pierce county; and

3 WHEREAS, The Daffodil Festival has been an anticipated event that
4 continues to bring communities together to celebrate unity within our
5 diverse community; and

6 WHEREAS, Since its inception in the 1920s as a modest garden
7 party, it has grown into the festival that we all know and love today
8 and this year celebrates its 93rd anniversary; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year, 24 young women pass through a rigorous
10 selection process to represent their schools as well as Pierce county
11 communities through ambassadorship, community service, and civic
12 pride; and

13 WHEREAS, Members of the Daffodil Festival royal court serve as
14 role models for youth around our region. Their volunteerism, civic
15 responsibility, and willingness to be ambassadors for Pierce county
16 serve as a light for youth to look up to; and

17 WHEREAS, This year's Daffodil Festival royal court includes: Mya
18 Fleming, Bethel High School; Shaniah Princess Andal, Bonney Lake High
19 School; Nicia Sikkenga, Chief Leschi High School; Kareliz N
20 Villanueva Lomba, Clover Park High School; Gabriella Lopez, Curtis
21 High School; Annika Howard, Eatonville High School; Ava Gardner,
22 Emerald Ridge High School; Sanaa Pond, Fife High School; Baylei
23 Jones, Foss High School; Chloe Bowman-Jones, Franklin Pierce High

1 School; Addy Wellman, Graham-Kapowsin High School; Bentley Webster,
2 Harrison Prep High School; Louise Hadassah Womack, Lakes High School;
3 Abigail Gerdes, Lincoln High School; Tavaeh Harrell, Mount Tahoma
4 High School; Abby Collins, Orting High School; Evelyne Boote,
5 Puyallup High School; Hope Rizzo, Rogers High School; Emerie Kennedy,
6 Silas High School; Zoey Mann, Spanaway Lake High School; Elena Castro
7 Oseguera, Stadium High School; Izabell Hogan, Sumner High School;
8 Payton Ortiz, Washington High School; and Sophia Sahlberg, White
9 River High School;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
11 recognize and honor the many contributions made to our state by the
12 Daffodil Festival, its organizers, and its royal court for the past
13 93 years; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
15 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the 2026
16 Daffodil Festival officers and to the 24 members of the 2026 Daffodil
17 Festival royalty.

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