

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4632, by Representatives Stambaugh, Fagan, Johnson, Orwall, Griffey, Zeiger, MacEwen, Kochmar, Ryu, Walsh, Muri, S. Hunt, and McCabe

1           WHEREAS, The annual Daffodil Festival is a cherished tradition  
2 for the people of Pierce County and the Northwest; and

3           WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 82nd annual Daffodil Festival, and the  
4 theme of this year's festival is "Shine Your Light With Service"; and

5           WHEREAS, The mission of the Daffodil Festival is to focus  
6 national and regional attention on our local area as a place to live  
7 and visit, to give citizens of Pierce County a civic endeavor where  
8 "Shine Your Light With Service" comes alive, to foster civic pride,  
9 to give young people and organizations of the local area an  
10 opportunity to display their talents and abilities, to give voice to  
11 citizens' enthusiasm through parades, pageantry, and events, and to  
12 stimulate the economy through expenditures by and for the Festival  
13 and by visitors attracted during Festival Week; and

14           WHEREAS, The Festival began in 1926 as a modest garden party in  
15 Sumner and grew steadily each year until 1934, when flowers, which  
16 previously had been largely discarded in favor of daffodil bulbs,  
17 were used to decorate cars and bicycles for a short parade through  
18 Tacoma; and

19           WHEREAS, The Festival's 2015 events include the 82nd Annual Grand  
20 Floral Street Parade on April 11, 2015—winding its way from downtown  
21 Tacoma through the communities of Puyallup, Sumner, and Orting, and  
22 consisting of approximately 150 entries, including bands, marching  
23 and mounted units, and floats that are decorated with fresh-cut

1 Daffodils numbering in the thousands—and will culminate with the  
2 Marine parade on April 12, 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, This year's Festival royalty includes Pelumi Ajibade,  
4 Stadium; Ashley Becker, Bonney Lake; Kenzie Bjornson, Cascade  
5 Christian; Kyla Farris, Rogers; Madison Gordon, Wilson; Kasey Hewitt,  
6 Lakes; Emily Inskeep, Chief Leschi; Jaskirat Kaur, Emerald Ridge;  
7 Madison Lindahl, Puyallup; Rachel Price, Eatonville; Bailey  
8 Rasmussen, White River; Kaitlin Ringus, Fife; Nicole Ripley, Henry  
9 Foss; Tia Robbins, Franklin Pierce; Ransom Satterlee, Bethel; Athena  
10 Sok, Lincoln; Victoria Ann Tirado, Clover Park; Bailee Towns, Graham  
11 Kapowsin; Taylor Trujillo, Spanaway Lake; Samantha Ward, Sumner;  
12 Sharon Washington, Washington; Shannon Woods, Mt. Tahoma; Madison  
13 Zahn, Orting; and Lyndsay Zemanek, Curtis;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
15 recognize and honor the many contributions made to our state by the  
16 Daffodil Festival and its organizers for the past eighty-two years;  
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
19 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
20 Representatives to the 2015 Daffodil Festival Officers and to the  
21 members of the Festival Royalty.

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