

**SENATE RESOLUTION
8622**

By Senators Rasmussen, Johnson, Honeyford, Hewitt, Sheahan and Spanel

WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate recognizes the outstanding contribution of the beef cattle industry to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, The farm and value-added output of the beef cattle industry contribute more than \$1.6 billion to the state; and

WHEREAS, The agricultural commodity of beef cattle in Washington totals more than \$465 million; and

WHEREAS, Washington's beef cattle growers manage approximately 1.3 million head of cattle and calves annually; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 9,000 farmers and ranchers in Washington are employed as beef producers; and

WHEREAS, Americans support this industry by eating, pound for pound, more beef than any other meat;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the hard work of the men and women who handle beef cattle is hereby recognized by the Washington State Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Washington State Beef Commission and the Washington Cattlemen's Association.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8622, adopted by the Senate February 21, 2001.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate