

SENATE RESOLUTION

8727

By Senators Kastama and Long

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society is one of almost four hundred local chapters and affiliates of the American Rose Society, an educational nonprofit national organization, with a membership of over 24,000 people, dedicated exclusively to the cultivation and enjoyment of roses; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society, formed only a decade ago and considered a relative newcomer as a society, has grown to achieve a membership of more than three hundred members, with eighty of whom attend every meeting making it a model for the modern rose society; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society members are home gardeners who enjoy growing roses and want to expand their knowledge of rose culture, and will travel from well outside the Puyallup area to be a member of The Puyallup Rose Society; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society hosts three annual Rose Shows at the Puyallup Fair in downtown Puyallup, Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society has an annual exhibition at the Supermall in Auburn, Washington that is as large as the largest rose shows in the nation, and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society voluntarily plants gardens like the one at The Old Soldiers' Home in Orting, Washington and participates in many public information activities throughout the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, The Puyallup Rose Society, one of the most active rose societies in the nation, has determined to bring attention to the existence of the American Rose Society and its declaration that the year 2002 be established as The Year of the Rose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and honor the many contributions made over the past ten years to our state by the Puyallup Rose Society of Puyallup, Washington, affiliated with the American Rose Society during this the Year of the Rose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted immediately by the Secretary of the Senate to the Officers of the 2002 Puyallup Rose Society.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8727,

adopted by the Senate January 25, 2002.

TONY M. COOK

Secretary of the Senate