

SENATE RESOLUTION

8627

By Senators Dhingra, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Lovelett, Nobles, Robinson, Shewmake, Trudeau, Valdez, Wagoner, and C. Wilson

1 WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Washington take pride in
2 recognizing Friday, March 24, 2023, as a day to honor the success of
3 cricket in our state; and

4 WHEREAS, Washington State has a large cricket community that
5 exemplifies the rich diversity of our country and state including the
6 fast-growing immigrant communities that represent cricket-loving
7 nations; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington State is home to the Seattle Thunderbolts,
9 the 2022 National Champions of the Toyota Minor League Cricket (MILC)
10 Championship; and

11 WHEREAS, We celebrate the Thunderbolt's accomplishments and
12 applaud the players and coaches for their contributions in competing
13 and succeeding in the only nationwide cricket competition; and

14 WHEREAS, King County and the greater Puget Sound region has over
15 5,000 men and women cricketers playing in both adult leagues and
16 recreational leagues; and

17 WHEREAS, Youth cricket programs, such as the Seattle Youth
18 Cricket League, total more than 500 children in order to provide more
19 opportunities for participation in cricket; and

20 WHEREAS, The sport of cricket is one of the most popular, well-
21 established team sports in the world that is enjoyed by billions
22 across the globe; and an estimated 24,000,000 people in the United
23 States play or watch cricket every year; and

1 WHEREAS, Cricket is a symbol for the union of people with
2 different passions, backgrounds, and stories to collectively
3 come together and build meaningful relationships and trust both
4 on and off the field; and

5 WHEREAS, The Senate is excited to welcome the Pacific
6 Northwest's newest professional sports team: The Seattle Orcas;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Seattle Orcas is a tribute to Washington's
9 vibrant cricket community as we are now one of just six major
10 league cricket teams in the United States that will play in this
11 year's inaugural season;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
13 Senate is a welcoming space for cricketers, and we honor the
14 successes of our teams.

15 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
16 do hereby certify that this is a true and
17 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8627,
18 adopted by the Senate
19 March 24, 2023

20 SARAH BANNISTER
21 Secretary of the Senate