

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 349

Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Walla Walla Valley American
Viticultural Area.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 6, 2014

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Walla Walla Valley
American Viticultural Area.

Whereas the Walla Walla Valley American Viticultural Area
was designated an American Viticultural Area on Feb-
ruary 6, 1984;

Whereas the Walla Walla Valley American Viticultural Area
is considered one of the most awarded and recognized of
the American Viticultural Areas in the United States;

Whereas in 2013, 4 Walla Walla Valley American Viticultural
Area wines were selected by 3 leading wine publications
as among the top 100 wines in the world;

Whereas the wine industry contributes over \$500 million an-
nually to the economy of Walla Walla County;

Whereas jobs in the wine industry are steadily growing in Walla Walla County and are expected to account for 20 percent of jobs in Walla Walla County by 2020;

Whereas the number of wineries in the Walla Walla Valley American Viticultural Area has grown from 4 in 1984 to approximately 130 today;

Whereas agricultural land devoted to growing wine grapes in the Walla Walla Valley American Viticultural Area has grown from 30 acres in 1984 to 1,800 acres in 2013; and

Whereas Walla Walla Valley American Viticultural Area wines are consistently rated highly by critics and enjoyed by wine connoisseurs around the world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the Walla Walla Valley American
3 Viticultural Area on the occasion of its 30 year anni-
4 versary;

5 (2) recognizes the Walla Walla Valley American
6 Viticultural Area as a pioneer in the wine industry
7 of Washington; and

8 (3) requests the Secretary of the Senate to
9 transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution for ap-
10 propriate display to the Walla Walla Valley Wine Al-
11 liance.

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