

## House Resolution 958

By: Representatives Burkhalter of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 156<sup>th</sup>, Channell of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Coleman of the 144<sup>th</sup>, and Royal of the 171<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Joe and Tracy Dutton and the Dutton Estate Winery and recognizing  
2 Sebastopol Vineyards; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dutton Ranch is perhaps the most widely recognized Chardonnay vineyard in  
4 California and one of the best sources for Pinot Noir; and

5 WHEREAS, Dutton Ranch started out as a single vineyard when Warren and Gail Dutton  
6 purchased 35 acres of apple trees and grapevines in Sonoma's Russian River Valley in 1964;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the late Warren Dutton was a visionary grower in Sonoma who is credited with  
9 putting the Russian River Valley and Green Valley appellation on the world winemaking  
10 map; and

11 WHEREAS, Joe Dutton and his brother Steve took over the Dutton Ranch business when  
12 their father died in 2001; and

13 WHEREAS, the name "Dutton" on a wine label stands for quality grapes; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1995, Joe Dutton and his wife, Tracy, founded Sebastopol Vineyards drawing  
15 their fruit entirely from the Dutton Ranch; and

16 WHEREAS, Tracy Dutton manages the winery while Joe Dutton manages the vineyards for  
17 Dutton Ranch; and

18 WHEREAS, with his pedigree, Joe Dutton successfully rose to the challenge of producing  
19 impressive, ultra-premium wines; and

1 WHEREAS, the Dutton Ranch moniker on a bottle of Chardonnay is one of the most widely  
2 recognized of all vineyard designations; and

3 WHEREAS, in addition to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, they produce Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot  
4 Gris, Merlot, Zinfandel, Syrah, and Colombard; and

5 WHEREAS, the Dutton family is duly proud of what they have achieved as they continue  
6 to produce the highest quality fruit possible through the use of environmentally friendly  
7 management practices.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
9 the members of this body recognize Dutton Estate Winery and Sebastopol Vineyards and  
10 commend Joe and Tracy Dutton as they continue their family's legacy of great winemaking.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Joe and Tracy Dutton.