HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4677, by Representatives Bailey, Smith, Seaquist, Upthegrove, Klippert, Ross, Kenney, Fagan, Nealey, Chandler, Warnick, Maxwell, Hinkle, Walsh, Cody, Van De Wege, Takko, Hunt, Finn, Schmick, Haler, Orcutt, Crouse, Kristiansen, Ormsby, Eddy, Carlyle, Alexander, Angel, Dammeier, Ericksen, Short, Campbell, Jacks, Pearson, Hope, Liias, and Sells

WHEREAS, Navy personnel have volunteered for many worthwhile causes in Washington State that include blood drives, Relay for Life, Toys for Tots, cleaning beaches, supporting the Special Olympics, building houses with Habitat for Humanity, and a plethora of other services to our community; and

WHEREAS, The Navy has continued construction projects through the economic recession by maintaining a job base in Washington, including American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects totaling more than 70 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, The Navy has deployed Washington servicemen and women to support the tsunami relief effort in American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, Navy hospital personnel have rapidly deployed to Haiti in response to the tragic earthquake of January 12th; and

WHEREAS, The Navy has deployed ships, squadrons, and individuals to support the mission of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, The Navy is at the forefront in exploring alternative energy solutions such as kinetic hydropower and biofuels; and

WHEREAS, The Navy has once again partnered with the State of Washington in providing emergency management training; and

WHEREAS, The Navy continues to partner with our local communities in volunteering for activities such as the high school Remotely Operated Vehicle Challenge, Personal Excellence Partnership, Campaign Drug Free, and Project Good Neighbor; and

WHEREAS, The Navy carries on the tradition of providing leadership in environmental stewardship, as well as education in health, safety, and fitness; and

WHEREAS, By a score of 17 to 3, the Navy Midshipmen football team once again trounced the Army Black Nights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and express appreciation for all those who have ever served in the United States Navy, and all the family members and friends who shared their sacrifices with them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize all the many contributions the Navy and its personnel make for everyone living in the United States and the entire global community, and encourage the citizens of Washington State to observe Navy Day which is celebrated on March 2, 2010.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4677 adopted by the House of Representatives March 2, 2010

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk