

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4648, by Representatives Bailey, Seaquist, Smith, Rolfes, Appleton, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Angel, Armstrong, Asay, Billig, Blake, Buys, Carlyle, Chandler, Chopp, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Crouse, Dahlquist, Dammeier, Darneille, DeBolt, Dickerson, Dunshee, Eddy, Fagan, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Frockt, Goodman, Green, Haigh, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Hasegawa, Hinkle, Hope, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kirby, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, Ladenburg, Liias, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, McCune, Miloscia, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Orwall, Overstreet, Parker, Pearson, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Probst, Reykdal, Rivers, Roberts, Rodne, Ross, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Sells, Shea, Short, Springer, Stanford, Sullivan, Takko, Taylor, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, and Zeiger

WHEREAS, Washington state is uniquely positioned politically, economically, and geographically to deal with the opportunities and challenges presented by Asia and the Pacific Rim countries; and

WHEREAS, The Navy is the military service that secures sea lanes, allowing free flow of commerce to and from our state, and the service whose power projection promotes stability for our friends and deters aggression from our foes; and

WHEREAS, The Navy has been a presence in Puget Sound for one hundred seventy years, and Puget Sound is today the Navy's third largest Fleet concentration area; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy spends 1.9 billion dollars in expenditures and 3.9 billion dollars in compensation in Washington State and provides economic stability to dozens of Washington cities and tens of thousands of Washington State citizens; and

WHEREAS, Washington was chosen as the new homeport for the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, making our state home to 3 aircraft carriers, 10 warships, 15 submarines, and 115 aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Washington State naval bases consistently receive awards for the quality of life they provide to sailors and family members, are recognized as models for other military facilities, and are continually being improved in energy efficiency and environmental responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Navy personnel provide homeland security, disaster assistance, and rescue services to Washington State citizens; and

WHEREAS, More than 150,000 members of the Navy family including active duty, retired, dependent, and civilian Navy personnel consider Washington State home and are community leaders, role models, and mentors who invest millions of dollars and thousands of hours to the economy, local charities, and community programs; and

WHEREAS, We as Washingtonians come together and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation; and

WHEREAS, The 100th Anniversary is an astounding milestone that gives the United States Sea Services an opportunity to commemorate the unique contributions Naval Aviation has made to our security;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State 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 observe Navy Day.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4648 adopted by the House of Representatives  
April 13, 2011

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk