## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4677, by Representative Finn

WHEREAS, There are more than 700,000 veterans residing in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Washington are well aware of the sacrifices made by veterans and their families in defense of our country and our state; and

WHEREAS, We are here today to recognize the sacrifices and time spent by Mr. Ryan Nabors in caring for those veterans in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, For the past ten years, Mr. Ryan Nabors has dedicated, with great passion, his time and service to the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Within the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Washington, Mr. Nabors has held numerous leadership positions, including treasurer, legislative chair, 1st junior vice commander, senior vice commander, and service director; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, the Washington state Department of Veterans Affairs awarded Mr. Nabors with the Service Officer of the Year award, as well as the Unsung Hero award by the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans; and

WHEREAS, For the past seven years, as a member of the Veterans Legislative Coalition, Mr. Nabors has advocated, testified, and worked tirelessly in support of veterans legislation; and

WHEREAS, Through his work with the Veterans Legislative Coalition, Mr. Nabors has, without question, created a better life for military veterans and their families in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, As a member of that coalition, Mr. Nabors has contributed to the passing of numerous bills that, among other things, provided property tax relief to lower income veterans, additional benefits for veterans and their families, and funding for returnees of the current wars; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nabors was appointed by Governor Gregoire to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee, in 2010, and the Governor's Disability Issues and Employment Committee, in 2011; and

WHEREAS, In the views of many of his colleagues and friends, Mr. Nabors has shown himself to be a dedicated leader among veterans service organizations, an individual who compassionately represents veterans, young and old, in accessing all of the benefits they have earned, all the while with a caring, selfless attitude;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize, with the highest honors, Mr. Nabors' extraordinary legacy of service and utmost dedication to the veterans of the state of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Mr. Ryan Nabors, as well as to the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Washington.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4677 adopted by the House of Representatives February 23, 2012

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk