

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4604, by Representative Klippert

1           WHEREAS, More than eight thousand men and women of the Washington  
2 National Guard continue to serve the country as guardians of American  
3 interests at home and abroad; and

4           WHEREAS, These recognized leaders in state, regional, and  
5 national preparedness, who reside in nearly every legislative  
6 district throughout Washington, voluntarily serve and put personal  
7 lives aside when the needs of the nation and the people of Washington  
8 state arise; and

9           WHEREAS, The Guard always answers the state's call in response to  
10 all emergency efforts and to protect lives and property; and

11           WHEREAS, The Washington Army and Air National Guard continue to  
12 provide critical support to federal missions around the world,  
13 including Afghanistan, Kuwait, Bangladesh, and Korea as well as  
14 supporting federal mission requirements throughout the continental  
15 United States; and

16           WHEREAS, The Guard continues to train and prepare for natural  
17 disasters and threats to our national security, including  
18 cyberthreats; and

19           WHEREAS, The Guard continues to improve the lives of Washington's  
20 young adults, many on the brink of dropping out of school, through  
21 its ongoing work of the invaluable Washington Youth Academy; and

22           WHEREAS, The Guard continues to actively enable the state's and  
23 nation's counterdrug efforts by providing soldiers, airmen, and

1 specialized equipment to over thirty-four local, state, and federal  
2 law enforcement agencies and community-based and other organizations;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Guard adds value to communities by opening its  
5 Readiness Centers for public and other community and youth activities  
6 use. The Guard continues to build upon these Readiness Centers and  
7 Armories throughout the state to enhance education, add to quality of  
8 life, and increase economic vitality;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House  
10 of Representatives express its thanks and appreciation to the devoted  
11 families and dedicated employers of our Washington National Guard  
12 soldiers and airmen for their support, without whom the Guard's  
13 missions could not be successful; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
15 recognize the value and dedication of a strong Washington National  
16 Guard to the viability, economy, safety, security, and well-being of  
17 this state, both through the outstanding performance of its state  
18 emergency and disaster relief mission, and through the continued  
19 benefit to local communities by the presence of productively  
20 employed, drug-free, well-equipped, and trained Guard units and the  
21 Readiness Centers and Armories that house them; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
23 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
24 Representatives to The Adjutant General of the Washington National  
25 Guard, the Governor of the State of Washington, the Secretaries of  
26 the United States Army and Air Force, and the President of the United  
27 States.

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