

SENATE RESOLUTION

8676

By Senator Short

1 WHEREAS, Dave Eubank served his country as an Army Special Forces
2 and Ranger officer; and

3 WHEREAS, He founded the Free Burma Rangers, a humanitarian
4 service movement for oppressed ethnic minorities of all races and
5 religions; and

6 WHEREAS, He and his wife Karen and three children: Sahale,
7 Suuzanne, and Peter work alongside 70 relief teams comprised of men
8 and women of different ethnicities and faiths united for freedom by a
9 bond of love and service; and

10 WHEREAS, On June 2, 2017, Dave led a group of volunteer aid
11 workers providing humanitarian relief and medical aid to civilians in
12 Mosul, Iraq; and

13 WHEREAS, Days before, ISIS fighters had gunned down 30 to 40
14 civilians trying to flee their neighborhood; and

15 WHEREAS, After hearing from victims that there were still
16 survivors, Dave and the Free Burma Rangers worked with a team of
17 American and Iraqi soldiers to rescue them; and

18 WHEREAS, U.S. forces dropped smoke canisters to conceal Dave as
19 he ran through ISIS fire to save a young girl and bring her to
20 safety; and

21 WHEREAS, Photos and videos of the rescue have grabbed national
22 headlines, and show the bravery and courage humanitarians like Dave

1 and the Free Burma Rangers exemplify every day on the front
2 lines of conflicts around the world; and

3 WHEREAS, U.S. and Iraqi military forces continue to fight
4 for the peace and prosperity of the innocent civilians
5 threatened by ISIS forces;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
7 Senate recognize Dave Eubank and his family for their heroic
8 efforts in Mosul and the Free Burma Rangers for their dedication
9 to bring help, hope, and love to the people of Burma, Sudan, and
10 Kurdistan, Iraq.

11 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
12 do hereby certify that this is a true and
13 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8676,
14 adopted by the Senate
15 June 29, 2017

16 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
17 Secretary of the Senate