

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Hobbs, Zeiger, Bailey, Conway, Van De Wege, King, Fortunato, Lias, Billig, Warnick, Pedersen, Cleveland, Takko, Braun, Short, Honeyford, Sheldon, Hasegawa, McCoy, Saldaña, Schoesler, Hawkins, Walsh, Becker, Brown, Das, Lovelett, Palumbo, Wagoner, and Wellman

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, volunteer their time and put personal  
7 lives aside when the needs of the people of Washington state arise;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Guard always answers the state's call in response to  
10 all emergency efforts to protect lives and property, and recently  
11 mobilized more than one thousand Guardsmen to serve at multiple  
12 wildfires in Washington last summer and to King County to assist  
13 first responders after massive snow storms; and

14 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to train and prepare for both  
15 natural disasters and threats to our national security, including  
16 cyber threats; and

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

20 WHEREAS, The Guard adds value to communities by opening its  
21 Readiness Centers for community and youth activities, and uses these  
22 facilities to enhance education, add to quality of life, and increase  
23 economic vitality; and

1       WHEREAS, Washington National Guard soldiers and airmen continue  
2 to provide critical support to federal missions around the world and  
3 are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms  
4 and enhance our safety;

5       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state Senate  
6 express its thanks and appreciation to the devoted families and  
7 dedicated employers of our Washington National Guard soldiers and  
8 airmen and airwomen for their support, without whom the Guard's  
9 missions could not be successful; and

10       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the value and  
11 dedication of a strong Washington National Guard to the viability,  
12 economy, safety, security, and well-being of this state, both through  
13 the outstanding performance of its state emergency and disaster  
14 relief mission, and through the continued benefit to local  
15 communities by the presence of productively employed, drug-free,  
16 well-equipped, and trained Guard units and the readiness centers and  
17 armories that house them; and

18       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
19 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the  
20 Adjutant General of the Washington National Guard, the Governor of  
21 the state of Washington, the Secretaries of the United States Army  
22 and Air Force, and the President of the United States.

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