

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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