

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4699, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Smith, Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Carlyle, Chandler, Christian, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Dahlquist, DeBolt, Dunshee, Fagan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Freeman, Goodman, Green, Gregerson, Habib, Haigh, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Holy, Hope, Hudgins, G. Hunt, S. Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Overstreet, Parker, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Roberts, Robinson, Rodne, Ross, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Seaquist, Sells, Senn, Shea, Short, Springer, Stanford, Stonier, Sullivan, Takko, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Vick, Walkinshaw, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, Wylie, Young, and Zeiger

WHEREAS, Washington State is uniquely positioned politically, economically, and geographically to deal with the opportunities and challenges presented by Asia and the Pacific Rim countries; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy is the military service that secures sea lanes, allowing free flow of commerce to and from our state, and the service whose power projection promotes stability for our friends and deters aggression from our foes; and

WHEREAS, The Navy has been a presence in Puget Sound for over one hundred seventy years, and Puget Sound is today the Navy's third largest fleet concentration area; and

WHEREAS, Washington Navy bases support two aircraft carriers, more than 10 surface ships, 13 submarines, and 115 aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Washington State and the Pacific Northwest are home to 21,000 active duty Navy service members, 16,000 Navy civilian employees, 6,000 drilling Naval reservists, 40,000 Navy family members, and 35,000 Navy retirees; and

WHEREAS, United States Navy installations provide careers and economic stability to tens of thousands of Washington State citizens; and

WHEREAS, Navy personnel provide homeland security, disaster assistance, and rescue services to Washington State citizens; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy is a recognized leader in environmental stewardship and responsibility and takes an active role in protecting and conserving Washington State's waterways and military lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize and express their utmost appreciation to all those who have ever served in the United States Navy, as well as extend our gratitude to their family members and friends who have shared their sacrifices as they answer the call to serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives celebrate the Navy in our state and bring warm greetings and many thanks to each and every person related to the Navy's work and mission in our state.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4699 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 10, 2014

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk