

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4608, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Carlyle, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Dunshee, Fagan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Gregerson, Gregory, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, G. Hunt, S. Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Parker, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Sells, Senn, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Sullivan, Takko, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Van Werven, Vick, Walkinshaw, Walsh, Wilcox, Wilson, Wylie, Young, and Zeiger

1 WHEREAS, The 21st century is the Pacific century, and Washington
2 State is uniquely positioned politically, economically, and
3 geographically to deal with the opportunities and challenges
4 presented by Asia and the Pacific Rim countries; and

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

9 WHEREAS, The Navy has explored and defended Northwest waters for
10 more than one hundred fifty years; and

11 WHEREAS, Washington State naval bases consistently receive awards
12 for the quality of life they provide to sailors and family members,
13 are recognized as models for other military facilities, and are
14 continuously being improved in energy efficiency and environmental
15 responsibility; and

16 WHEREAS, Washington State and the Pacific Northwest are home to
17 approximately 31,000 active duty Navy service members, 15,000 Navy
18 civilian employees, 2,400 drilling Navy reservists, 42,000 Navy
19 family members, and 55,000 Navy retirees; and

20 WHEREAS, Puget Sound is the United States Navy's third largest
21 fleet concentration area, with two aircraft carriers, more than ten
22 surface ships, fourteen submarines, and one hundred twenty aircraft
23 in Washington State; and

24 WHEREAS, The United States Navy spends 4.3 billion dollars
25 annually in the Northwest and provides economic stability to dozens
26 of Washington cities and tens of thousands of Washington State
27 citizens; and

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

30 WHEREAS, More than 125,000 members of the Navy family, including
31 active duty, retired, dependent, and civilian Navy personnel,
32 consider Washington home; are community leaders, role models, and
33 mentors; and invest millions of dollars and thousands of hours to the
34 economy, local charities, and community programs;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
2 of Representatives recognize and express appreciation for all those
3 who have ever served in the United States Navy, and all the family
4 members and friends who shared their sacrifices with them; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
6 recognize all the many contributions the Navy and its personnel make
7 for everyone living in Washington State, the United States, and the
8 entire global community; and express our heartfelt thanks to each and
9 every person involved in the Navy's mission and work in Washington
10 State.

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12 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
13 Resolution 4608 adopted by the House of Representatives
14 February 10, 2015
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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk