

SENATE RESOLUTION

8680

By Senators O'Ban, Dansel, Bailey, Mullet, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Cleveland, Frockt, Dammeier, Hobbs, Chase, Hargrove, Baumgartner, Rolfes, McAuliffe, Hatfield, Brown, Hill, Sheldon, Jayapal, Honeyford, Rivers, Parlette, Ericksen, Roach, Pedersen, King, Fain, Warnick, Fraser, Padden, Habib, Darneille, Becker, Pearson, Braun, Angel, Hewitt, Hasegawa, Schoesler, Billig, McCoy, Conway, Benton, Liias, Litzow, Miloscia, Nelson, and Ranker

1 WHEREAS, Our men and women warriors and their families have made
2 great sacrifices to keep our nation safe and to defend the freedom of
3 countless others in the great struggles of our time, including the
4 War on Terror; and

5 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes that many of these fine
6 members of the military serve in the high number of military
7 installations located throughout the state of Washington; and

8 WHEREAS, Over six hundred thousand military service members
9 reside in Washington; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately 9,000 service members leave service at
11 Joint Base Lewis-McCord and other installations each year; and

12 WHEREAS, We owe these fine Americans a great debt we can never
13 repay, and yet the unemployment rate for veterans is much higher than
14 the overall unemployment rate, with veterans between the age of
15 eighteen and twenty-five unemployed at an unacceptable rate of
16 twenty-one percent; and

17 WHEREAS, These highly motivated women and men possess exemplary
18 work ethic and superb skills, including expertise in leading others,
19 health care, technology, and logistics; and

20 WHEREAS, Many Washington State companies have taken exceptional
21 measures to train, recruit, and hire veterans entering the private
22 sector;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
2 Senate commend those Washington businesses that have made
3 employing veterans a major priority of their hiring practices;
4 give specific tribute and express our enthusiastic appreciation
5 to the many exceptional Washington businesses that stand out in
6 their commitment to our men and women in uniform, namely, The
7 Boeing Company, Starbucks, Microsoft, Amazon, Costco,
8 Weyerhaeuser, US Bank, Comcast, the Port of Seattle, Providence
9 Health and Services, the University of Washington, The Shultz
10 Foundation, Puget Sound Energy, Multicare, and others; and trust
11 that these exemplary companies will serve as a model to other
12 employers in the state of Washington to also make a special
13 effort to recruit and hire our very able and well-deserving
14 veterans; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate express its
16 gratitude to the corporate members of the organization aptly
17 named Hire America's Heroes, for their generous support and
18 commitment to hiring transitioning service members, and their
19 family members and caregivers; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
21 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
22 businesses named herein.

23 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
24 do hereby certify that this is a true and
25 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8680,
26 adopted by the Senate
27 April 24, 2015

28 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
29 Secretary of the Senate