

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4663, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Chapman, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Dye, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Graves, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, Jenkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Kraft, Kretz, Lovick, Lytton, MacEwen, Macri, Manweller, Maycumber, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, McDonald, Morris, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shea, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Valdez, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, and Young

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;
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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 500 Guardsmen to serve at multiple wildfires in
12 Washington and Oregon and supported hurricane relief efforts in
13 Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; 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 House
6 of Representatives express its thanks and appreciation to the devoted
7 families and dedicated employers of our Washington National Guard
8 soldiers and airmen and airwomen for their support, without whom the
9 Guard's missions could not be successful; and

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

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
19 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
20 Representatives to The Adjutant General of the Washington National
21 Guard, the Governor of the State of Washington, the Secretaries of
22 the United States Army and Air Force, and the President of the United
23 States.

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25 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
26 Resolution 4663 adopted by the House of Representatives
27 January 26, 2018
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk