

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4639, by Representatives Jenkins, Wilcox, Abbarno, Barkis, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Boehnke, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Chase, Chopp, Cody, Corry, Davis, Dent, Dolan, Donaghy, Duerr, Dufault, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Gilday, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hansen, Harris, Harris-Talley, Hoff, Jacobsen, J. Johnson, Kirby, Klicker, Klippert, Kloba, Kraft, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, MacEwen, Macri, Maycumber, McCaslin, McEntire, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shewmake, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Sutherland, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Valdez, Vick, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wicks, Wylie, Ybarra, and Young

1 WHEREAS, The Washington National Guard is a vital tool for
2 helping Washington state manage and respond to the emergencies and
3 natural disasters at home and abroad. A strong National Guard ensures
4 an operational resource and a strategic reserve for our active duty
5 military branches in roles overseas, as well as adapting to complex
6 missions domestically; and

7 WHEREAS, The Washington National Guard is made up of more than
8 8,000 citizen soldiers and airmen who continuously strive in their
9 efforts to protect the property and economy of Washington State and
10 her citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, These citizen soldiers and airmen, who reside in every
12 legislative district, exemplify leadership through their sacrifice of
13 time and energy, in service to the protection of Washington State,
14 her citizens, and their property, and in doing so these dedicated
15 people demonstrate the vitality of the great tradition of sacrifice
16 and service to State and Nation that characterize the Washington
17 National Guard; and

18 WHEREAS, The National Guard continues to answer the state's call-
19 in response to domestic emergency relief efforts, providing flood
20 relief for the citizens of Western Washington, fighting wildfires in
21 Eastern Washington, providing needed assistance following snowstorms
22 in Leavenworth, supporting citizens during the continued COVID-19
23 pandemic, and protecting the public and property from undue harm; and

1 WHEREAS, The National Guard continues to improve the lives of
2 Washington's young adults through its Washington Youth Challenge
3 Academy, and empowers at-risk youth to improve their educational
4 levels and employment potential to become responsible and productive
5 citizens of the State of Washington; and

6 WHEREAS, The National Guard continues to provide support and
7 community outreach to those who have been victims of drug abuse,
8 working with law enforcement and community-based organizations
9 through the Washington National Guard CounterDrug Program; and

10 WHEREAS, The National Guard continues to promote honor and
11 respect for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice serving our
12 nation or have passed in peacetime, through their continued
13 maintenance of the Military in Lasting Tribute memorial; and

14 WHEREAS, The National Guard continues to support active duty
15 military forces in responding to humanitarian disasters and threats;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The National Guard continues to bravely respond to
18 military operations overseas;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
20 acknowledge the continued dedication of the Washington National Guard
21 to ensure safety and stability to our great State of Washington with
22 the utmost economic sustainability; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
24 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
25 Representatives to the Adjutant General of the Washington National
26 Guard, the Governor of the State of Washington, the Secretaries of
27 the United States Army and Air Force, and the President of the United
28 States.

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