

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4661, by Representatives Jinkins, Stokesbary, Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Cheney, Chopp, Christian, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Harris, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Nance, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Reed, Reeves, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wilcox, Wylie, and Ybarra

1       WHEREAS, The Washington National Guard, with more than eight  
2 thousand serving members, continues to showcase their loyalty in  
3 service to their state and the country as guardians of American  
4 interests at home and abroad; and

5       WHEREAS, These steadfast leaders imbue their historic duty by  
6 volunteering their time and putting aside their personal lives to  
7 support their country, their state, and those in need; and

8       WHEREAS, The Guard, through its diligent counsel, continues to  
9 respect the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion as  
10 Washington state seeks to move beyond the global Coronavirus pandemic  
11 without forgetting the most vulnerable; and

12       WHEREAS, The Guard displays the value of selfless service by  
13 being ready to respond to floods, wildfires, and other natural  
14 disasters, as the Washington National Guard showcased in their relief  
15 efforts in Lewis County and Leavenworth, helping communities deal  
16 with rising water levels and record snow fall; and

17       WHEREAS, The Guard continues to honor the sanctity of our  
18 democracy by providing additional security to guard against cyber  
19 threats to elections; and

20       WHEREAS, Integrity continues to float atop the Washington  
21 National Guard's principle concerns as evidenced by the wide range of  
22 educational services and youth and community activities the Guard has

1 long committed to providing to enrich the quality and prosperity of  
2 life in the evergreen state; and

3 WHEREAS, Washington National Guard soldiers continue to personify  
4 the value of personal courage by providing critical support to  
5 missions both foreign and domestic and bravely putting their lives on  
6 the line to protect our freedoms, safeguard our lives, and ensure the  
7 continued prosperity of our democracy; and

8 WHEREAS, These citizen soldiers in the Washington National Guard,  
9 who reside in every legislative district, provide the leadership and  
10 value-driven service that protects Washington state and allows the  
11 economy to thrive, distributing much needed resources to the citizens  
12 and communities that inhabit this most prosperous and environmentally  
13 conscious state — a beacon for the nation;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state House  
15 of Representatives extend its sincerest appreciation to our soldiers  
16 in the Washington National Guard and to the passionate devotion of  
17 their families and dedicated employers, whose assistance ensures the  
18 Guard's missions are always completed with direct leadership and  
19 unremitted personal courage; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives duly  
21 recognize the value of a strong Washington National Guard to the  
22 strength, stability, and economic vitality of this state, not only  
23 through its vital state emergency and disaster relief mission, but  
24 also through its value-driven community services that continue to  
25 benefit local communities, providing access to education, productive  
26 employment, and helping individuals live healthy, meaningful lives;  
27 and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
29 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
30 Representatives to the Adjutant General of the Washington National  
31 Guard, the Governor of the state of Washington, and the Secretaries  
32 of the United States Army and Air Force.

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34 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
35 Resolution 4661 adopted by the House of Representatives  
36 January 24, 2024  
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk