

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4611, by Representatives Jinkins, Stokesbary, Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Burnett, Caldier, Callan, Chase, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dufault, Dye, Engell, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hill, Hunt, Jacobsen, Keaton, Klicker, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Ley, Low, Macri, Manjarrez, Marshall, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Mendoza, Morgan, Nance, Obras, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Parshley, Paul, Penner, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Richards, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Scott, Shavers, Simmons, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stonier, Street, Stuebe, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wylie, Ybarra, and Zahn

1 WHEREAS, More than 8,000 men and women of the Washington National
2 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 such as natural disasters to protect lives,
11 essential infrastructure, and property; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2022, the Guard deployed to Lewis County to provide
13 support to the communities dealing with rising waters, and just a
14 week later deployed to Leavenworth to assist with digging out the
15 small mountain community that was hit with record snow fall; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2023, the Guard assisted in the relocation of
17 residents of Eastern State Psychiatric Hospital during the Gray fire
18 and Oregon Road fire and subsequently provided aviation assets to
19 reduce further loss of life, homes, and businesses; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2024, the Guard supported the Secretary of State to
21 ensure the integrity of national, state, and local elections from
22 cyber threats; and

1 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to train for adaptation, capability,
2 and capacity to react to the rising challenges in a rapidly changing
3 world that poses a threat to United States national security at home
4 and abroad, including cyber threats and weapons of mass destruction;
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6 WHEREAS, The Western Regional Counterdrug Training Center
7 provides training to law enforcement agencies and community-based
8 organizations to disrupt, degrade, and defeat drug trafficking and
9 transnational criminal organizations that threaten our communities;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Washington National Guard soldiers and airmen continue
12 to provide critical support for federal missions with members
13 deployed to the Horn of Africa, Jordan, the Kingdom of Thailand, and
14 Malaysia; and

15 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to improve the lives of Washington's
16 young adults, many on the brink of dropping out of school, through
17 its Washington Youth Challenge Academy; and

18 WHEREAS, The Guard adds value to communities by opening its
19 Readiness Centers for community and youth activities, and uses these
20 facilities to enhance education, add to quality of life, and increase
21 economic vitality;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
23 of Representatives express its thanks and appreciation to the devoted
24 families and dedicated employers of our Washington National Guard
25 soldiers and airmen for their support, without whom the Guard's
26 missions could not be successful; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
28 recognize the value and dedication of a strong Washington National
29 Guard to the viability, economy, safety, security, and well-being of
30 this state, both through the outstanding performance of its state
31 emergency and disaster relief mission, and through the continued
32 benefit to local communities by the presence of productively
33 employed, drug-free, well-equipped, and trained Guard units and the
34 Readiness Centers and Armories that house them; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
36 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
37 Representatives to the Adjutant General of the Washington National
38 Guard, the Governor of the state of Washington, the Secretaries of

1 the United States Army and Air Force, and the President of the United
2 States.

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I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4611 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 29, 2025

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk