

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91-4642, by Representatives Broback, Zellinsky, R. Meyers, Wilson, Brumsickle, Wynne, R. Johnson, Sprenkle, P. Johnson, Anderson, Tate, Bowman, Ballard, Dellwo, Padden, Brough, Appelwick, Basich, Beck, Belcher, Betrozoff, Braddock, Bray, Brekke, Cantwell, Casada, Chandler, Cole, Cooper, Day, Dorn, Ebersole, Edmondson, Ferguson, G. Fisher, R. Fisher, Forner, Franklin, Fraser, Fuhrman, Grant, Hargrove, Haugen, Heavey, Hine, Hochstatter, Holland, Horn, Inslee, Jacobsen, Jones, J. King, R. King, Kremen, Leonard, Lisk, Locke, Ludwig, May, McLean, Mielke, Miller, Mitchell, Morris, Morton, Moyer, H. Myers, Nealey, Neher, Nelson, O'Brien, Ogden, Orr, Paris, Peery, Phillips, Prentice, Prince, Pruitt, Rasmussen, Rayburn, Riley, Roland, Rust, Schmidt, Scott, Sheldon, Silver, D. Sommers, H. Sommers, Spanel, Valle, Vance, Van Luven, Wang, Wineberry, Winsley, Wood,

WHEREAS, The National Guard, citizen-soldiers dedicated to preserving peace and keeping law and order, is a vital asset to the resources of a state; and

WHEREAS, The National Guard performs a dual mission of providing trained and equipped units both to augment the Armed Forces of the United States when called by the President, and for the protection of life and property and the preservation of peace, order, and public safety under orders of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, The Washington National Guard has diligently performed its mission for over one hundred thirty-five years, initially organized under the Militia Act of 1855, the territorial militia was formally designated the National Guard of Washington by the Legislature in 1888; and

WHEREAS, The Washington National Guard currently has more than nine thousand members, comprised of our friends and neighbors who also serve their respective local communities as civic and religious leaders, professionals and laypersons, blue-collar and white-collar workers, representing virtually all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Washington National Guard have consistently performed their duties at home by evacuating residents during floods, fighting forest fires, performing search and rescue missions, and assisting police departments in drug enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, Approximately five hundred members of the Washington National Guard are currently serving in the Persian Gulf and world-wide for Operation Desert Storm, including men and women from the Air National Guard's 141st Air Refueling Wing and 252nd Combat Communications Group, and the Army National Guard's 241st and 1444th Transportation Detachments, 116th Support Center, and 541st Personnel Service Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor the brave men and women of Washington's National Guard for their dedication and service to their country and to the people of the State of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Major General Gregory P. Barlow and the commanding officer at each of the National Guard Unit Locations in the State of Washington.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4642 adopted by the House of Representatives March 11, 1991.

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Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives