SENATE RESOLUTION 1991-8623

By Senators Gaspard, Snyder, Hayner, Sellar, Talmadge, Rasmussen, Conner, Nelson, Thorsness, McMullen, Madsen, Williams, Bauer, Sutherland and Roach

WHEREAS, The entire world salutes the unprecedented unanimity and remarkable resolve of the member states of the United Nations to preserve justice and the rule of law among nations through opposing naked Iraqi aggression and brutality in the recent Persian Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature recognizes and applauds the leadership, statesmanship, dignity, humanity, and calm dedication exhibited by President George Bush in holding the United Nations Coalition together and securing the independence and liberty of the Kuwaiti People in the shortest possible time; and

WHEREAS, The military leadership supplied by United States forces, from Secretary Dick Chaney, to Generals Collin Powel, Norman Schwartzkopf and others, performed their duties in such conspicuously professional and effective fashion as to achieve their objectives with astonishing swiftness and unbelievably few allied and civilian casualties; and

WHEREAS, The all-volunteer forces of the United States, including men and women of our Reserve Forces as well as those serving on active duty, conducted themselves in such consistently exemplary fashion, despite the disruption of their normal lives, and without regard for the many physical and personal hardships of war; and

WHEREAS, The contingent of United States armed-forces associated with Washington, both those who grew up as Washingtonians as well as those who have been based in our state, performed their duties in a manner consistent with the highest traditions of American service and patriotism, engendering feelings of great pride and profound gratitude in the hearts of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, The families of our servicemen and women put aside all thoughts of personal hardship and danger for their loved ones, though individual families suffered greatly because of the fortunes of war, in order to help pull our nation through this international crisis; and

WHEREAS, The vast majority of all Americans and Washingtonians extended their firmest, fullest, and most fervent support for our troops in the Persian Gulf, and for our national purpose in opposing the military aggression of Iraq;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognizes and commends the contributions of all the above mentioned people to the successful completion of the Persian Gulf War, extends its deepest condolences to the families of those brave soldiers who lost their lives in pursuit of freedom, expresses its sincere wish for a speedy and full recovery by all injured men and women, and joins with all humanity in hoping for lasting peace through justice in the Middle East and all around the world.

I, Gordon A. Golob, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 1991-8623, adopted by the Senate March 7, 1991.