HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4687, by Representatives Zeiger, Dammeier, Warnick, Wilcox, Orwall, Eddy, Carlyle, Nealey, Johnson, Orcutt, Reykdal, Sells, Angel, Schmick, Seaquist, Hansen, Shea, Walsh, Finn, Smith, McCoy, Maxwell, Taylor, Dahlquist, Kristiansen, McCune, Ladenburg, and Hudgins

WHEREAS, Four thousand members of the Second Brigade, Second Infantry Division, better known as the Second Stryker Brigade, from Joint Base Lewis McChord, are preparing to deploy to Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, The Second Stryker Brigade will continue the work of supporting the Afghan government and ensuring security to the Afghan people; and

WHEREAS, The Second Stryker Brigade has previously been deployed to Iraq, to aid in the support of United States military operations; and

WHEREAS, The freedom and security enjoyed by the people of Washington State are a result of the daily work and excellence, as well as the courage and patriotism, of the Second Stryker Brigade; and

WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the sacrifice, dedication, and strength of the families of the men and women who serve in the Second Stryker Brigade;

WHEREAS, Citizens of the State of Washington owe a debt of gratitude to the Second Stryker Brigade;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor and recognize the men and women of the Second Stryker Brigade; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to members of the Second Stryker Brigade.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4687 adopted by the House of Representatives March 7, 2012

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk