

SENATE RESOLUTION

8717

By Senators Honeyford, Angel, Cleveland, O'Ban, Miloscia, Chase, Conway, Becker, Baumgartner, Pearson, Rivers, Bailey, Dammeier, Padden, Parlette, King, Dansel, Hobbs, Fain, Benton, Takko, Litzow, Rolfes, Warnick, Billig, Nelson, Hill, Braun, Schoesler, Sheldon, Fraser, Mullet, Ericksen, Brown, Hewitt, and Hargrove

1 WHEREAS, The Civil Air Patrol has now been in commission for 75
2 years, since December 1, 1941, just days before the attack on Pearl
3 Harbor, for the purpose of liaison flying and interdiction of
4 infiltrators on the East Coast and southern border of the United
5 States, and thereafter the Civil Air Patrol insignia, a red three-
6 bladed propeller in the Civil Defense white-triangle-in-blue-circle,
7 began appearing; and

8 WHEREAS, When German submarines began to prey on American ships,
9 the Civil Air Patrol's mission grew to include a 1,000-member coastal
10 patrol, 64 of whom died in service and 26 of whom were lost at sea;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, After a crew was forced to watch in vain as a grounded
13 submarine off Cape Canaveral, Florida escaped before the military
14 arrived, Civil Air Patrol planes were issued bombs and depth charges,
15 and thereafter the Civil Air Patrol coastal patrol flew 24 million
16 miles and found 173 submarines, ultimately attacking 57, hitting 10,
17 and sinking 2; and

18 WHEREAS, By presidential executive order, the Civil Air Patrol
19 became an auxiliary of the United States Army Air Forces on April 28,
20 1943, and several months later the Germans withdrew coastal U-boat
21 operations "because of those damned little red and yellow airplanes";
22 and

1 WHEREAS, During the postwar years, the Civil Air Patrol was
2 put to work in search and rescue missions, saving the United
3 States millions of dollars in operational costs as the only
4 organization with the equipment and training to perform this
5 vital job, with military aircraft being far too expensive to
6 operate and flying too fast to accurately spot downed planes and
7 personnel; and

8 WHEREAS, During the deadly 2014 Oso mudslide, the Civil Air
9 Patrol flew vital supplies to areas unreachable by heavier
10 aircraft, and ground teams helped to evacuate cities and towns;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Civil Air Patrol has a cadet program with over
13 23,000 participants between the ages of 12 and 20, one of its
14 major attractions being its aerospace program, which provides
15 both classroom and practical instruction in flight and rocketry,
16 and offers each cadet the opportunity to participate in
17 orientation flights in both powered and glider aircraft while
18 learning search and rescue techniques and other valuable skills,
19 emphasizing military history, leadership, and service within the
20 squadron and to the community as a whole; and

21 WHEREAS, Over 16,000 students in kindergarten through 6th
22 grade completed the Aerospace Connections in Education program
23 developed by the Civil Air Patrol and the United States Air
24 Force; and

25 WHEREAS, Today's Civil Air Patrol continues its service and
26 commitment to our state and country with three primary missions:
27 Aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency services; and

28 WHEREAS, The Washington Wing's commitment to service
29 includes two nationally recognized leaders, Lieutenant Colonel
30 Dave Franklin, the Chaplain of the year in 2014 and Senator (and
31 Lieutenant Colonel) Jim Honeyford, Legislative Squadron
32 Commander of the Year in 2015, along with the many senior
33 members and cadets; and

34 WHEREAS, In Washington State alone, the Civil Air Patrol is
35 composed of approximately 732 senior members and 624 cadets, who
36 flew their 14 aircraft 1,835 hours in 2015 alone in service to
37 our state, at a value of 4.4 million dollars in volunteer hours;
38 and

1 WHEREAS, The Washington Wing was ranked first for hours
2 flown per aircraft among all wings in the Civil Air Patrol
3 Pacific Region, which includes wings from Alaska, California,
4 Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington, and was ranked 14th for
5 hours flown per wing out of the 57 Civil Air Patrol units
6 nationwide; and

7 WHEREAS, The Mt. Rainier composite squadron, having won
8 multiple accolades over the last few years and representing
9 their division as well as the state wing of the Civil Air
10 Patrol, have volunteered their time to present the colors;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
12 Senate recognize the Washington State wing of the Civil Air
13 Patrol for its courageous and unwavering dedication to our
14 citizens; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
16 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to
17 Colonel James P. Furlong, Commander of the Civil Air Patrol
18 Washington Wing.

19 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
20 do hereby certify that this is a true and
21 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8717,
22 adopted by the Senate
23 February 24, 2016

24 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
25 Secretary of the Senate