

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4639, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Chapman, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Dye, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Graves, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, Jenkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Koster, Kraft, Kretz, Lovick, Lytton, MacEwen, Macri, Manweller, Maycumber, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, McDonald, Morris, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shea, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, J. Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, and Young

1 WHEREAS, More than eight thousand men and women of the Washington
2 National 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, voluntarily serve and put personal
7 lives aside when the needs of the people of Washington state arise;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Guard always answers the state's call in response to
10 all emergency efforts to protect lives and property, and recently
11 mobilized more than 40 soldiers and airmen to respond to flooding in
12 eastern Washington; and

13 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to train and prepare for both
14 natural disasters and threats to our national security, including
15 cyber threats; and

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

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

