

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4628, by Representatives Klippert, Graham, Dent, Abbarno, Orcutt, Barkis, Schmick, Walen, Dufault, Robertson, Chambers, Mosbrucker, Kraft, Eslick, Goehner, Sutherland, Hoff, Jacobsen, Klicker, MacEwen, Chapman, and Chandler

1 WHEREAS, We give thanks and express unwavering support for our
2 law enforcement officers serving across Washington state. For
3 generations, these brave men and women, unsung heroes, have and do
4 risk their lives so we can all live in peace and security; and

5 WHEREAS, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, dedicated law enforcement
6 officers put on the badge and go to work as selfless public servants,
7 answering the call to protect, working tirelessly as they serve to
8 defend and maintain civil order in our communities, allowing our
9 families to sleep peacefully each night; and

10 WHEREAS, Alongside these police officers are highly trained K9s
11 that serve to enhance and improve public safety, suspect safety,
12 officer safety, and community safety. We recognize too, our K9s and
13 their devoted acts of public service and sacrifice. We salute them
14 and their handlers for their steadfast determination safeguarding our
15 democracy; and

16 WHEREAS, In times of real danger and despair, the first people we
17 turn to and depend on are our law enforcement officers. In the most
18 uncertain of situations, our law enforcement officers run straight
19 towards all threats with bravery, often operating under extreme
20 pressure with remarkable professionalism as they endure long shifts
21 and complex circumstances. They see and deal with all facets of
22 humanity and society, demonstrating uncommon self-control and
23 shielding us from having to deal with such matters; and

1 WHEREAS, We remember former President Barack Obama who wrote a
2 letter to the law enforcement community in 2016 to address division
3 and coming together, "Every day, you confront danger so it does not
4 find our families . . . We recognize it, we respect it, we appreciate
5 it, and we depend on you. . . . Time and again, you make the split-
6 second decisions that could mean life or death for you and many
7 others in harm's way;" and

8 WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers are our neighbors and live
9 within all beloved communities. In uniform or not, they serve in many
10 ways, showing generous acts of goodwill as part of their service to
11 residents to build trust and relationships within neighborhoods, like
12 the police officer who provided socks to a homeless man or the police
13 officer who sat and spent time with a developmentally disabled teen
14 on the side of the street;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
16 of Representatives respect and show our deep and humble gratitude to
17 law enforcement officers throughout Washington state. We sincerely
18 thank you for wearing the badge and the uniform every day to preserve
19 and protect our communities.
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21 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
22 Resolution 4628 adopted by the House of Representatives
23 April 12, 2021
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk