

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Nobles

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, volunteer their time 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 such as natural disasters to protect lives,
11 essential infrastructure, and property; and

12 WHEREAS, For more than 18 months one thousand two hundred service
13 members from the Washington National Guard supported state agencies,
14 local jurisdictions, tribes, and nonprofit organizations in
15 responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to save lives and
16 relieve human suffering; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2022 the Guard deployed to Lewis County to provide
18 support to the communities dealing with rising waters, and just a
19 week later deployed to Leavenworth to assist digging out the small
20 mountain community that was hit with record snow fall; and

21 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to train for adaptation, capability,
22 and capacity to react to the rising challenges in a rapidly changing

1 world that poses a threat to United States national security at home
2 and abroad, including cyber threats; and

3 WHEREAS, Washington National Guard soldiers and airmen continue
4 to provide critical support for federal missions with members
5 deployed to Poland, Germany, the Kingdom of Thailand, and Malaysia;
6 and

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

10 WHEREAS, The Guard adds value to communities by opening its
11 Readiness Centers for community and youth activities, and uses these
12 facilities to enhance education, add to quality of life, and increase
13 economic vitality;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state Senate
15 express its thanks and appreciation to the devoted families and
16 dedicated employers of our Washington National Guard soldiers and
17 airmen and airwomen for their support, without whom the Guard's
18 missions could not be successful; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the value and
20 dedication of a strong Washington National Guard to the viability,
21 economy, safety, security, and well-being of this state, both through
22 the outstanding performance of its state emergency and disaster
23 relief mission, and through the continued benefit to local
24 communities by the presence of productively employed, drug-free,
25 well-equipped, and trained Guard units and the readiness centers and
26 armories that house them; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
28 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
29 Adjutant General of the Washington National Guard, the Governor of
30 the state of Washington, the Secretaries of the United States Army
31 and Air Force, and the President of the United States.

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