

SENATE RESOLUTION

8628

By Senators MacEwen, Hasegawa, and Kuderer

1       WHEREAS, The United States Navy was officially created by  
2 Congress in April, 1798, and has its earliest roots in General George  
3 Washington's Continental Navy, which he formed in 1775 to defend the  
4 American colonies from British attack; and

5       WHEREAS, The United States Navy maintains, trains, and equips  
6 combat-ready forces for the purpose of deterring aggression toward  
7 the United States and maintaining freedom on the seas; and

8       WHEREAS, The United States Navy is also responsible for the  
9 seaborne support of the other branches of the United States military;  
10 and

11       WHEREAS, The United States Navy has seven active fleets currently  
12 in service, with 11 aircraft carriers, 92 cruisers and destroyers,  
13 and 59 small-surface combatants and combat logistics ships; and

14       WHEREAS, The United States Navy's submarine fleet consists of 50  
15 fast-attack submarines, 14 ballistic-missile submarines, and four  
16 cruise-missile submarines, all working in close collaboration with  
17 navies of American allies; and

18       WHEREAS, All submariners in the United States Navy have  
19 volunteered for their positions and take enormous pride in the level  
20 of sacrifice and difficulty of their unique duty and service in seas  
21 around the world; and

22       WHEREAS, Six United States presidents served in the United States  
23 Navy in World War II alone before they led our nation, including John

1 F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy  
2 Carter, and George H.W. Bush; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States Navy maintains a strong presence  
4 in Washington state through Naval Base Kitsap, Naval Air Station  
5 Whidbey Island, and Naval Station Everett; and

6 WHEREAS, Naval Base Kitsap is the third-largest United  
7 States Navy installation in the United States, and is home to a  
8 diverse naval force, including all types of submarines, two  
9 Nimitz-class aircraft carriers, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, and  
10 the Manchester Fuel Depot; and

11 WHEREAS, A naval station was established in Bremerton,  
12 Washington, in 1891, becoming the 179-acre Puget Sound Naval  
13 Shipyard after World War II, which has been responsible for  
14 construction, modernization, conversion, maintenance, and  
15 nuclear refueling of Navy vessels; and

16 WHEREAS, Washington is home to more than 11,000 Navy service  
17 members and generates more than \$11 billion in economic  
18 activity, provides more than 79,000 military and civilian jobs,  
19 and more than \$303 million in state and local taxes; and

20 WHEREAS, Former Governor Dan Evans served in the United  
21 States Navy during World War II from 1943 to 1946; and

22 WHEREAS, Many members and staff of the Washington State  
23 Legislature have served in the United States Navy and many Navy  
24 veterans have gone on to serve their country in political office  
25 around the country; and

26 WHEREAS, The United States Navy has beaten the United States  
27 Army in more than half of the 123 Army-Navy football games and  
28 has the longer winning streak of the two teams;

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on behalf of the people  
30 of Washington and the more than 64,000 Navy service members and  
31 families who live in our communities, the Senate express its  
32 unwavering gratitude and appreciation for the United States Navy  
33 and the prosperity and protection it has provided to Washington.

34 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,  
35 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
36 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8628,  
37 adopted by the Senate

1 March 30, 2023

2 SARAH BANNISTER

3 Secretary of the Senate