

SENATE RESOLUTION

8606

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1 WHEREAS, More than 8,000 men and women of the Washington National
2 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, In 2022, the Guard deployed to Lewis County to provide
13 support to the communities dealing with rising waters, and just a
14 week later, deployed to Leavenworth to assist digging out the small
15 mountain community that was hit with record snow fall; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2023, the Guard assisted in the relocation of
17 residents of Eastern State Psychiatric Hospital during the Gray fire
18 and Oregon Road fire and subsequently provided aviation assets to
19 reduce further loss of life, homes, and businesses; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2024, the Guard supported the Secretary of State to
21 ensure the integrity of national, state, and local elections from
22 cyber threats; and

1 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to train for adaptation,
2 capability, and capacity to react to the rising challenges in a
3 rapidly changing world that poses a threat to United States
4 national security at home and abroad, including cyber threats
5 and weapons of mass destruction; and

6 WHEREAS, The Western Regional Counterdrug Training Center
7 provides training to law enforcement agencies and community-
8 based organizations to disrupt, degrade, and defeat drug
9 trafficking and transnational criminal organizations that
10 threaten our communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Washington National Guard soldiers and airmen
12 continue to provide critical support for federal missions with
13 members deployed to the Horn of Africa, Jordan, the Kingdom of
14 Thailand, and Malaysia; and

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

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state
23 Senate express its thanks and appreciation to the devoted
24 families and dedicated employers of our Washington National
25 Guard soldiers and airmen for their support, without whom the
26 Guard's missions could not be successful; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the value
28 and dedication of a strong Washington National Guard to the
29 viability, economy, safety, security, and well-being of this
30 state, both through the outstanding performance of its state
31 emergency and disaster relief mission, and through the continued
32 benefit to local communities by the presence of productively
33 employed, drug-free, well-equipped, and trained Guard units and
34 the Readiness Centers and Armories that house them; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
36 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
37 Adjutant General of the Washington National Guard, the Governor

1 of the state of Washington, the Secretaries of the United States
2 Army and Air Force, and the President of the United States.

3 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
4 do hereby certify that this is a true and
5 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8606,
6 adopted by the Senate
7 January 29, 2025

8 SARAH BANNISTER
9 Secretary of the Senate