

SENATE RESOLUTION

8668

By Senators Krishnadasan, Alvarado, Bateman, Boehnke, Braun, Chapman, Christian, Cleveland, Conway, Cortes, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Goehner, Hansen, Harris, Hasegawa, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, King, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Muzzall, Nobles, Orwall, Pedersen, Riccelli, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Slatter, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, C. Wilson, and J. Wilson

1 WHEREAS, More than 8,000 men and women of the National Guard
2 continue to serve the country as guardians of American interest at
3 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 their
7 personal lives aside for the needs of the people of Washington state;
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 2025, the Guard deployed to Skagit, Snohomish, and
13 King counties to provide support to communities experiencing rising
14 waters such as Snohomish, Burlington, and Mount Vernon, working with
15 crews to fix breaks in levees near Tukwila and Pacific, and rescued
16 civilians in Auburn and Fox Island from flooded roads; and

17 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to support the Secretary of State to
18 ensure national, state, and local elections are protected from cyber
19 threats;and

20 WHEREAS, The Western Regional Counterdrug Training Center
21 provides training to law enforcement agencies and community-based
22 organizations to disrupt, degrade, and defeat drug trafficking and

1 transnational criminal organizations that threaten our
2 communities; and

3 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to improve the lives of
4 Washington's young adults, especially at-risk youth, through its
5 Washington Youth Challenge Academy; and

6 WHEREAS, The Guard adds value to communities by opening its
7 readiness centers for community youth activities, and uses these
8 facilities to enhance education, add to the quality of life, and
9 increase economic vitality;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
11 Senate express its thanks and appreciation to the devoted
12 families and dedicated employers of our Washington National
13 Guard soldiers and airmen for their support, without whom the
14 Guard's missions could not be successful; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the value
16 and dedication of a strong Washington National Guard to the
17 viability, economy, safety, security, and well-being of this
18 state, both through the outstanding performance of its state
19 emergency and disaster relief mission, and the continued benefit
20 to local communities; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
22 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
23 Adjutant General of the Washington National Guard, the Governor
24 of the state of Washington, the Secretaries of the United States
25 Army and Air Force, and the President of the United States.

26 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
27 do hereby certify that this is a true and
28 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8668,
29 adopted by the Senate
30 January 28, 2026

31 SARAH BANNISTER
32 Secretary of the Senate