

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4672, by Representatives Bailey, Seaquist, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Angel, Appleton, Armstrong, Asay, Billig, Blake, Buys, Carlyle, Chandler, Chopp, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Crouse, Dahlquist, Dammeier, Darneille, DeBolt, Dickerson, Dunshee, Eddy, Fagan, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Green, Haigh, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harris, Hasegawa, Hinkle, Hope, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kirby, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, Ladenburg, Liias, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, McCune, Miloscia, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Orwall, Overstreet, Parker, Pearson, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Pollet, Probst, Reykdal, Rivers, Roberts, Rodne, Ross, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Sells, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stanford, Sullivan, Takko, Taylor, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, Wylie, and Zeiger

WHEREAS, Washington State is uniquely positioned politically, economically, and geographically to deal with the opportunities and challenges presented by Asia and the Pacific Rim countries; and

WHEREAS, The Navy is the military service that secures sea lanes, allowing free flow of commerce to and from our state, and the service whose power projection promotes stability for our friends and deters aggression from our foes; and

WHEREAS, The Navy has been a presence in Puget Sound for over one hundred seventy years, and Puget Sound is today the Navy's third largest fleet concentration area; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy infuses three billion dollars into Washington State's economy each year and provides economic stability to dozens of Washington State cities and tens of thousands of Washington State citizens; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is currently home to 4 aircraft carriers, 13 warships, 13 submarines, and 115 aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Washington State-based Navy personnel flew the last Naval air mission of the Iraq war, were the primary Navy responders to the 2011 Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami, and are ready to deploy anywhere on Earth for the good of our country and our world; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy is a recognized leader in environmental stewardship and responsibility and takes an active role in protecting and conserving Washington State's waterways and military lands; and

WHEREAS, Navy personnel provide homeland security, disaster assistance, and rescue services to Washington State citizens; and

WHEREAS, Over 130,000 members of the Navy family, including active duty, retired, dependent, and civilian Navy personnel, consider Washington State home, are community leaders, role models, and mentors, who invest millions of dollars in the economy, and donate thousands of hours to local charities and community programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize and express their utmost appreciation to all those who have ever served in the United States Navy, as well as extend our gratitude to their family members and friends who have shared their sacrifices as they answer the call to serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the countless contributions the Navy and its personnel make for everyone living in the United States, as well as the entire global community, and observe Navy Day.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4672 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 22, 2012

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk