

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91-4632, by Representatives Moyer, Brumsickle, Bowman, Winsley, Paris, Beck, Schmidt, Belcher, Fraser, Ferguson, Jones, Zellinsky, Jacobsen, R. Fisher, Scott, R. Johnson, Wineberry, Ogden, Casada, Tate, P. Johnson, Braddock, Lisk, Neher and Rasmussen

WHEREAS, The vitality of the American spirit is apparent in the dedication and service of volunteer community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer community bands contribute to the cultural variety of the State of Washington by providing opportunities for the enjoyment of music for those who play in the band and those who listen; and

WHEREAS, The Olympia American Legion Band was established sixty-seven years ago and is the oldest continuous volunteer community band in the state; and

WHEREAS, The Olympia American Legion Band is currently comprised of sixty-three members from many different walks of life including doctors, lawyers, engineers, truck drivers, teachers, and psychologists, and the members have an average age of fifty-five years; and

WHEREAS, In April of 1924 a group of World War I veterans, gathered at the American Legion Alfred William Leach Post No. 3, decided to form a band, whereby they obtained army pants, wraparound leggings, and white shirts for their uniforms; and

WHEREAS, The Olympia American Legion Band's first civic function was when it played for the opening of the yachting season in the spring of 1925, highlighted by the first capitol to capitol yacht race from Olympia, Washington, to Juneau, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The Olympia American Legion Band plays at various events throughout the state each year including Bellingham, Centralia, Chehalis, Elma, Seattle, and Sequim and has performed for the Olympia Pet Parade, Lakefair, and the opening of the yachting season every year since the inception of each of these events; and

WHEREAS, Band Director Robert Duvall conducts the band comprised of assorted brass and percussion instruments including flutes, clarinets, trumpets, trombones, and saxophones in a variety of musical scores ranging from military marches to Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the members of the Olympia American Legion Band and their director for their dedication and service to bringing enjoyment to the people of the State of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Director Robert Duvall and to each member of the Olympia American Legion Band.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives

March 7, 1991.

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Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives