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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8407**

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**By** Senators Matson, Newhouse, Hayner, Thorsness, Johnson, Craswell, Oke, Bailey, Patterson, McDonald, McCaslin, Anderson, Sellar, Barr, Bluechel, Saling, Cantu, Nelson and Metcalf.

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1           WHEREAS, For the sake of world peace, freedom, and justice, the one  
2 hundred nine individuals who make up the Yakima-based Marine reserve  
3 unit known as the "Bravo Company" put their plans, their careers and  
4 their lives on hold to fight aggression in the Middle East; and

5           WHEREAS, As part of an unprecedented international coalition in  
6 Operation Desert Storm, the Bravo Company played an integral role in  
7 achieving a stunning victory over the forces of Iraqi dictator Saddam  
8 Hussein; and

9           WHEREAS, The Bravo Company, assigned to the 1st Battalion of the  
10 8th Marines, is credited with the capture of hundreds of Iraqi  
11 prisoners and with the destruction of one hundred nineteen Iraqi war  
12 vehicles, including fifty-six Soviet-made T-72 tanks issued only to  
13 Iraq's Republican Guard; and

14           WHEREAS, Long before hostilities ended in the Middle East, Bravo  
15 Company's thirteen tank crews made their way to Kuwait City to see the  
16 liberation of a people and to take part in establishing the rule of law  
17 over tyranny and aggression; and

1       WHEREAS, Through their efforts, members of the Bravo Company  
2 established themselves as heroes in the age-old struggle to forge a  
3 world blessed with the promise of peace, freedom, and respect for human  
4 rights;

5       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of  
6 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That, with great  
7 pride, the Washington State Senate honors with gratitude each of the  
8 one hundred nine members of the Bravo Company for their valiant service  
9 in the hard work of freedom; and

10       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That members of the Washington State  
11 Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, hereby join  
12 communities throughout Washington in welcoming home the friends and  
13 neighbors who so selflessly served us all as members of the Bravo  
14 Company; and

15       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
16 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to commanders of  
17 the Bravo Company, to the adjutant general of the Washington National  
18 Guard, and to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United  
19 States.