<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94-4682</u>, by Representatives Anderson, Van Luven, Basich, Sehlin, Jones, B. Thomas, Brough, Casada, Valle, Heavey, Sheahan, Wineberry, Carlson, Long, Talcott, Foreman, Eide, Tate, McMorris, L. Thomas, Edmondson, Rayburn, Backlund, Cooke, Chandler, Campbell, Conway, Schoesler and Reams

WHEREAS, Over nine thousand men and women of the Washington National Guard continue to serve the country in their military capacity as a key part of our national defense; and

WHEREAS, These citizen soldiers who reside in every legislative district in Washington volunteer their time and personal efforts to serve the needs of the people of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, The Guard has made a major contribution to our state's war on drugs by providing over one hundred soldiers on duty throughout the year in forty-two different federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Guards men and women supported and participated in over three thousand four hundred arrests and the seizure of over three hundred million dollars in street value drugs, assets, and cash; and

WHEREAS, The Guard continues to respond to natural disasters such as the Spokane wildfires, flooding in the Skagit county area, and the Inauguration Day windstorm; and

WHEREAS, The Guard is assisting local communities with their health needs through Operation Guardcare, a new program under which medical personnel give care to medically underserved areas through inoculations and wellness services; and

WHEREAS, The Guard is active in promoting positive activities for the youth of our state through active involvement in the D.A.R.E. program, drug demand reduction presentations in local schools, and Camp Minuteman, a motivational summer youth program at Camp Murray;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor with gratitude each and every member of the Washington National Guard for their service to the nation and particularly for their many contributions to communities throughout Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives thank the employers of the men and women of the National Guard for their support and understanding that is so essential to the accomplishment of the Guard's many missions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the adjutant general of the Washington National Guard, and to the Commander in Chief, the Governor of the State of Washington.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4682 adopted by the House of Representatives January 26, 1994.