

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4619, by Representative Harris

1 WHEREAS, In 1865, The Salvation Army was founded in London,
2 England by William and Catherine Booth; and

3 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army operates in 126 countries around the
4 world with the motto "Soup, Soap and Salvation"; and

5 WHEREAS, The first Salvation Army Officers arrived on American
6 soil, March 10, 1880; and

7 WHEREAS, The phrase "on the wagon" was coined by men and women
8 receiving services of The Salvation Army. Former National Commander
9 Evangeline Booth drove a hay wagon through the streets of New York to
10 encourage alcoholics onboard for a ride back to The Salvation
11 Army. Hence, alcoholics in recovery were said to be "on the wagon";
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Red Kettle began as a crab pot in San
14 Francisco in 1891. A depression had thrown many out of work,
15 including hundreds of seamen and longshoremen, and a Salvation Army
16 officer used the pot to collect money for a meal to feed the
17 unemployed. The campaign proved so successful that by 1900 it was
18 replicated in cities throughout the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Brass Band has performed in the Rose
20 Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California every year since the 1920's; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1890, The Salvation Army commenced its work at 6th
22 and Main Street in downtown Vancouver, Washington; and

1 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Clark County exists to provide
2 humanitarian care for those in need, ministering to body, mind, and
3 spirit without discrimination; and

4 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Clark County serves 35,000
5 individuals annually with food, clothing, utilities, housing, and
6 educational services; and

7 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army has initiated an after school program
8 targeting "at risk" youth grades K-5 to help kids with homework. This
9 free program provides a safe environment for kids until their parents
10 are able to pick them up after work; and

11 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army reaches out to inner city youth with
12 a residential outdoor camp every year during the summer months; and

13 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Clark County is working to expand its
14 literacy and after school programs to reach children beyond grade
15 five; and

16 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Clark County plans to provide social
17 and educational services for senior citizens in its community;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state House
19 of Representatives commend The Salvation Army and extend its
20 heartfelt appreciation to all its supporters for 125 years of service
21 to suffering humanity in Clark County, Washington.

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