

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4670, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Dunshee, Dye, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Hickel, Holy, Hudgins, S. Hunt, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kuderer, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Parker, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Rossetti, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Sells, Senn, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Van Werven, Vick, Walkinshaw, Walsh, Wilcox, Wilson, Wylie, Young, and Zeiger

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

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

8 WHEREAS, The Navy has been a presence in Puget Sound for 175  
9 years, and Puget Sound is today the Navy's third largest fleet  
10 concentration area; and

11 WHEREAS, Washington Navy bases support two aircraft carriers,  
12 more than 13 surface ships, 13 submarines, 92 support vessels, and  
13 115 aircraft; and

14 WHEREAS, Washington state and the Pacific Northwest are home to  
15 31,000 active duty Navy service members, 15,000 Navy civilian  
16 employees, 2,400 drilling Naval reservists, 40,000 Navy family  
17 members, and 55,000 Navy retirees; and

18 WHEREAS, United States Navy installations provide careers and  
19 economic stability to tens of thousands of Washington state citizens;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The Puget Sound area has four shore installations: Naval  
22 Station Everett, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Naval Magazine  
23 Indian Island, and Naval Base Kitsap; and

