

SENATE RESOLUTION
8610

By Senators Hobbs, Hatfield, Hargrove, Fain, Padden, Baumgartner, McCoy, Bailey, Mullet, Dansel, Hewitt, Pedersen, Cleveland, Roach, Conway, Frockt, King, McAuliffe, Darneille, Litzow, Miloscia, Billig, Nelson, Keiser, Ericksen, Jayapal, Ranker, Fraser, Chase, Brown, Dammeier, Angel, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, O'Ban, Hasegawa, and Rolfes

1 WHEREAS, More than eight thousand men and women of the Washington
2 National Guard continue to serve the country as guardians of American
3 interests at home and abroad; and
4 WHEREAS, These recognized leaders in state, regional, and
5 national preparedness, who reside in nearly every legislative
6 district throughout Washington, voluntarily serve and put personal
7 lives aside when the needs of the nation and the people of Washington
8 state arise; and
9 WHEREAS, The Guard always answers the state's call in response to
10 all emergency efforts and to protect lives and property; and
11 WHEREAS, The Washington Army and Air National Guard continue to
12 provide critical support to federal missions around the world,
13 including Afghanistan, Kuwait, Bangladesh, and Korea as well as
14 supporting federal mission requirements throughout the continental
15 United States; and
16 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to train and prepare for natural
17 disasters and threats to our national security, including
18 cyberthreats; and
19 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to improve the lives of Washington's
20 young adults, many on the brink of dropping out of school, through
21 its ongoing work of the invaluable Washington Youth Academy; and
22 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to actively enable the state's and
23 nation's counterdrug efforts by providing soldiers, airmen, and
24 specialized equipment to over thirty-four local, state, and federal
25 law enforcement agencies and community-based and other organizations;
26 and
27 WHEREAS, The Guard adds value to communities by opening its
28 Readiness Centers for public and other community and youth activities
29 use. The Guard continues to build upon these Readiness Centers and
30 Armories throughout the state to enhance education, add to quality of
31 life, and increase economic vitality;
32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
33 express its thanks and appreciation to the devoted families and
34 dedicated employers of our Washington National Guard soldiers and

1 airmen for their support, without whom the Guard's missions
2 could not be successful; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the value
4 and dedication of a strong Washington National Guard to the
5 viability, economy, safety, security, and well-being of this
6 state, both through the outstanding performance of its state
7 emergency and disaster relief mission, and through the continued
8 benefit to local communities by the presence of productively
9 employed, drug-free, well-equipped, and trained Guard units and
10 the Readiness Centers and Armories that house them; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
12 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to The
13 Adjutant General of the Washington National Guard, the Governor
14 of the State of Washington, the Secretaries of the United States
15 Army and Air Force, and the President of the United States.

16 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
17 do hereby certify that this is a true and
18 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8610,
19 adopted by the Senate
20 January 30, 2015

21 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
22 Secretary of the Senate