

SENATE RESOLUTION  
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By Senator Benton

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 dedication to mankind, glory to God, and the motto "Soup,  
5 Soap and Salvation"; and

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

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

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

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

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

1       WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Clark County, a part of the universal  
2 Christian Church, exists to provide humanitarian care for those in  
3 need, ministering to body, mind, and spirit without discrimination;  
4 and

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

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

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

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

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

19       WHEREAS, The Salvation Army provides vital services such as  
20 feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, and serving those who need  
21 it most in Washington state, all thanks to the graciousness and  
22 goodwill of indispensable volunteers and staff;

23       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state senate  
24 extend its heartfelt appreciation to The Salvation Army Clark County  
25 for its 125 years of service to those in need in Clark County,  
26 Washington.

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