

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4639, by Representatives Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Chapman, Chopp, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Dye, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Graves, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Koster, Kraft, Kretz, Kristiansen, Lovick, Lytton, MacEwen, Macri, Manweller, Maycumber, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, McDonald, Morris, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shea, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, J. Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, and Young

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 people of Washington state arise;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Guard always answers the state's call in response to
10 all emergency efforts to protect lives and property, and recently
11 mobilized more than 40 soldiers and airmen to respond to flooding in
12 eastern Washington; and

13 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to train and prepare for both
14 natural disasters and threats to our national security, including
15 cyber threats; and

16 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to improve the lives of Washington's
17 young adults, many on the brink of dropping out of school, through
18 its Washington Youth Academy; and

19 WHEREAS, The Guard adds value to communities by opening its
20 Readiness Centers for community and youth activities, and uses these
21 facilities to enhance education, add to quality of life, and increase
22 economic vitality; and

1 WHEREAS, Washington National Guard soldiers and airmen continue
2 to provide critical support to federal missions around the world and
3 are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms
4 and enhance our safety, including Sergeant First Class Matthew
5 McClintock, First Lieutenant David Bauders, and Lieutenant Colonel
6 Flando Jackson who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
8 express its thanks and appreciation to the devoted families and
9 dedicated employers of our Washington National Guard soldiers and
10 airmen for their support, without whom the Guard's missions could not
11 be successful; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
13 recognize the value and dedication of a strong Washington National
14 Guard to the viability, economy, safety, security, and well-being of
15 this state, both through the outstanding performance of its state
16 emergency and disaster relief mission, and through the continued
17 benefit to local communities by the presence of productively
18 employed, drug-free, well-equipped, and trained Guard units and the
19 Readiness Centers and Armories that house them; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
21 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
22 Representatives to The Adjutant General of the Washington National
23 Guard, the Governor of the State of Washington, the Secretaries of
24 the United States Army and Air Force, and the President of the United
25 States.

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