

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Short

1 WHEREAS, Dave Eubank served his country as an Army Special Forces
2 and Ranger officer; and

3 WHEREAS, He founded the Free Burma Rangers, a humanitarian
4 service movement for oppressed ethnic minorities of all races and
5 religions; and

6 WHEREAS, He and his wife Karen and three children: Sahale,
7 Suuzanne, and Peter work alongside 70 relief teams comprised of men
8 and women of different ethnicities and faiths united for freedom by a
9 bond of love and service; and

10 WHEREAS, On June 2, 2017, Dave led a group of volunteer aid
11 workers providing humanitarian relief and medical aid to civilians in
12 Mosul, Iraq; and

13 WHEREAS, Days before, ISIS fighters had gunned down 30 to 40
14 civilians trying to flee their neighborhood; and

15 WHEREAS, After hearing from victims that there were still
16 survivors, Dave and the Free Burma Rangers worked with a team of
17 American and Iraqi soldiers to rescue them; and

18 WHEREAS, U.S. forces dropped smoke canisters to conceal Dave as
19 he ran through ISIS fire to save a young girl and bring her to
20 safety; and

21 WHEREAS, Photos and videos of the rescue have grabbed national
22 headlines, and show the bravery and courage humanitarians like Dave

1 and the Free Burma Rangers exemplify every day on the front lines of
2 conflicts around the world; and

3 WHEREAS, U.S. and Iraqi military forces continue to fight for the
4 peace and prosperity of the innocent civilians threatened by ISIS
5 forces;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
7 recognize Dave Eubank and his family for their heroic efforts in
8 Mosul and the Free Burma Rangers for their dedication to bring help,
9 hope, and love to the people of Burma, Sudan, and Kurdistan, Iraq.

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