

SENATE RESOLUTION

8692

By Senators Hobbs, Hasegawa, Conway, O'Ban, King, Pedersen, Sheldon, Darneille, Walsh, Honeyford, Zeiger, Miloscia, Bailey, Takko, Cleveland, Fortunato, McCoy, Chase, Nelson, Billig, Rolfes, Hawkins, Kuderer, Fain, Wilson, Braun, Angel, Becker, Brown, Schoesler, Dhingra, Wagoner, Ranker, Wellman, Liias, Saldaña, Keiser, Carlyle, Palumbo, Warnick, Van De Wege, Frockt, Hunt, Rivers, Baumgartner, Ericksen, Mullet, Padden, and Short

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, volunteer their time 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 500 Guardsmen to serve at multiple wildfires in
12 Washington and Oregon and supported hurricane relief efforts in
13 Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; and

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Washington National Guard soldiers and airmen
2 continue to provide critical support to federal missions around
3 the world and are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to
4 protect our freedoms and enhance our safety;

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

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

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
19 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to The
20 Adjutant General of the Washington National Guard, the Governor
21 of the State of Washington, the Secretaries of the United States
22 Army and Air Force, and the President of the United States.

23 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
24 do hereby certify that this is a true and
25 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8692,
26 adopted by the Senate
27 January 26, 2018

28 BRAD HENDRICKSON
29 Secretary of the Senate