

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Rolfes and Bailey

1 WHEREAS, Washington state has both a strong maritime heritage and
2 a contemporary reliance on the sea; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States Navy is the military service that
4 secures sea lanes, allowing free flow of commerce to and from our
5 state, and whose power projection promotes stability for our friends
6 and deters aggression from our foes; and

7 WHEREAS, The Navy has been a presence in Puget Sound since before
8 Washington statehood; and

9 WHEREAS, Navy installations provide careers and economic
10 stability to tens of thousands of Washington state citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, Washington state Navy bases support two aircraft
12 carriers, more than five surface ships, thirteen submarines, and 144
13 aircraft; and

14 WHEREAS, Washington state and the Pacific Northwest are home to
15 23,293 active duty Navy service members, 21,624 Navy civilian
16 employees, 3,600 drilling Naval reservists, 42,000 Navy family
17 members, and 99,191 Navy retirees; and

18 WHEREAS, Washington state based Navy personnel and assets
19 regularly deploy around the world to deter aggression, relieve the
20 distressed, and aid America's friends and allies; and

21 WHEREAS, Washington state Navy bases are consistently recognized
22 for their leadership and innovation in environmental stewardship,
23 community engagement, and quality of life; and

1 WHEREAS, Navy personnel routinely provide homeland security,
2 disaster assistance, and rescue services to the citizens of
3 Washington state;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
5 celebrate Wednesday, February 21st, as Navy Appreciation Day and
6 bring warm greetings and many thanks to each and every person related
7 to the Navy's work and mission in our state.

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