

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4622, by Representatives Robertson, Hoff, Thai, Abbarno, Barkis, Bronoske, Eslick, Ybarra, Jacobsen, Goehner, Cody, Dent, Ryu, Dufault, Chambers, Orcutt, Orwall, MacEwen, Graham, Walen, Leavitt, Schmick, Young, Boehnke, Chandler, Ramos, Callan, Lovick, Vick, Klicker, Kraft, and Klippert

1 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to
2 recognize excellence in service to this great state of Washington;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The occasion of June 8, 2021, marks 100 years of
5 excellence in service to the great state of Washington by the
6 Washington State Patrol and its direct predecessor, the Highway
7 Patrol Division, of the Department of Efficiency, created on June 8,
8 1921; and

9 WHEREAS, The Washington State Patrol traces its distinguished
10 history to the dawn of the automobile era and the commissioning of a
11 small number of highway patrolmen on September 1, 1921, as motorcycle
12 officers of the Highway Patrol, whose broad responsibilities included
13 enforcement of all motor vehicle and transportation laws; and

14 WHEREAS, In the early part of this century, the leaders of
15 Washington state had the insight and foresight to recognize the
16 increasing and indispensable role that intrastate and interstate
17 transportation would have on the economic well-being of this great
18 state and nation; and as such, the state of Washington was the eighth
19 state in these United States to establish and create a state patrol;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The Washington State Patrol's duties and service to the
22 citizens of Washington state have increased dramatically since its
23 founding to include many diverse facets of law enforcement, such as

1 commercial vehicle enforcement, narcotics enforcement, seven crime
2 laboratories, fire protection and training services, cybercrime
3 investigation, homeland security, ferry vessel and terminal safety,
4 capitol campus security, and executive protection, as well as
5 antiterrorism coordination with all local, state, federal, and
6 international law enforcement partners; and

7 WHEREAS, The Washington State Patrol has now grown to be one of
8 the largest and most respected law enforcement agencies in the United
9 States with over 2,200 commissioned and civilian employees, 43 canine
10 officers, a response fleet of more than 1,600 vehicles, as well as
11 airplanes, the country's largest unmanned aerial vehicle fleet, and a
12 host of other specialized response units patrolling and protecting
13 over 18,000 lane miles of Washington roadway every day; and

14 WHEREAS, The Washington State Patrol members, current and
15 retired, who have come to be known as "troopers" and are easily
16 distinguishable with their award-winning winter uniforms dating to
17 the mid-1930's, which include a bow tie and campaign hat, are first
18 and foremost the highest quality law enforcement officers, who by
19 their selfless and courageous service risk their very lives so that
20 our homes, families, and communities will be safe; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to Washington's troopers, there are hundreds
22 of technical professionals who deliver outstanding, comprehensive
23 services in support of troopers in the field, as well as directly to
24 citizens in their time of need; notably, the communications officers,
25 crime scene response team members, crime laboratory personnel,
26 vehicle mechanics, communications technicians, facility repair
27 personnel, records custodians, deputy fire marshals, and many other
28 professionals in their field; and

29 WHEREAS, In 1995, Washington State Patrol's Annette M. Sandberg
30 made history when she was appointed the first female chief of a state
31 police organization in the nation. Today, the Washington State Patrol
32 is led by Chief John R. Batiste, who is the 21st chief and first
33 Black appointee, who continues the tradition of innovation,
34 excellence, and courageous "service with humility" to the citizens of
35 Washington state;

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
37 honor the highest level of excellence in service to this great state

1 of Washington by the troopers and employees alike, current and
2 retired, of the Washington State Patrol; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
4 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives to the Chief of the Washington State Patrol.

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7 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
8 Resolution 4622 adopted by the House of Representatives
9 March 23, 2021

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk