

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4610, by Representatives Jinkins, Wilcox, Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Cheney, Chopp, Christian, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hansen, Harris, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Reed, Reeves, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wylie, and Ybarra

1 WHEREAS, The Washington National Guard, with more than eight
2 thousand serving members, continues to showcase their loyalty in
3 service to their state and the country as guardians of American
4 interests at home and abroad; and

5 WHEREAS, These steadfast leaders imbue their historic duty by
6 volunteering their time and putting aside their personal lives to
7 support their country, their state, and those in need; and

8 WHEREAS, The Guard, through its diligent counsel, continues to
9 respect the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion as
10 Washington state seeks to move beyond the global Coronavirus pandemic
11 without forgetting the most vulnerable; and

12 WHEREAS, The Guard displays the value of selfless service by
13 being ready to respond to floods, wildfires, and other natural
14 disasters, as the Washington National Guard showcased in their relief
15 efforts in Lewis County and Leavenworth, helping communities deal
16 with rising water levels and record snow fall; and

17 WHEREAS, The Guard continues to honor the sanctity of our
18 democracy by providing additional security to guard against cyber
19 threats to elections; and

20 WHEREAS, Integrity continues to float atop the Washington
21 National Guard's principle concerns as evidenced by the wide range of
22 educational services and youth and community activities the Guard has

1 long committed to providing to enrich the quality and prosperity of
2 life in the evergreen state; and

3 WHEREAS, Washington National Guard soldiers continue to personify
4 the value of personal courage by providing critical support to
5 missions both foreign and domestic and bravely putting their lives on
6 the line to protect our freedoms, safeguard our lives, and ensure the
7 continued prosperity of our democracy; and

8 WHEREAS, These citizen soldiers in the Washington National Guard,
9 who reside in every legislative district, provide the leadership and
10 value-driven service that protects Washington state and allows the
11 economy to thrive, distributing much needed resources to the citizens
12 and communities that inhabit this most prosperous and environmentally
13 conscious state - a beacon for the nation;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state House
15 of Representatives extend its sincerest appreciation to our soldiers
16 in the Washington National Guard and to the passionate devotion of
17 their families and dedicated employers, whose assistance ensures the
18 Guard's missions are always completed with direct leadership and
19 unremitted personal courage; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives duly
21 recognize the value of a strong Washington National Guard to the
22 strength, stability, and economic vitality of this state, not only
23 through its vital state emergency and disaster relief mission, but
24 also through its value-driven community services that continue to
25 benefit local communities, providing access to education, productive
26 employment, and helping individuals live healthy, meaningful lives;
27 and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
29 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
30 Representatives to the Adjutant General of the Washington National
31 Guard, the Governor of the state of Washington, and the Secretaries
32 of the United States Army and Air Force.

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