

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Wagoner and Conway

1 WHEREAS, Director Lourdes E. Alvarado-Ramos served for 22 years  
2 defending our nation and achieving the rank of Command Sergeant Major  
3 at Madigan Army Medical Center and Troop Command at Joint Base Lewis-  
4 McChord; and

5 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Alvarado-Ramos served with  
6 distinction, being awarded the Legion of Merit, Order of Military  
7 Medical Merit, Expert Field Medical Badge, and Meritorious Service  
8 Medals; and

9 WHEREAS, Director Alvarado-Ramos sought knowledge and skill with  
10 education from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of  
11 Government Executive Program, the University of Washington's  
12 Executive Management Program, and a Bachelor in Health Care  
13 Administration; and

14 WHEREAS, Director Alvarado-Ramos continued to serve her community  
15 and her state on Governor Jay Inslee's Executive Cabinet and as the  
16 Chair of the Washington Military Transition Council; and

17 WHEREAS, Director Alvarado-Ramos continued to serve her country  
18 as the President of the National Association of State Directors of  
19 Veterans Affairs and on the board of directors for the National  
20 Association of State Veterans Homes; and

21 WHEREAS, Director Alvarado-Ramos served our state in the  
22 Washington Department of Veterans Affairs since 1993 and was  
23 appointed to the governor's cabinet in 2013; and

1       WHEREAS, In her time as director, she has tirelessly worked to  
2 help servicemembers struggling with mental health concerns and  
3 suicide prevention; and

4       WHEREAS, In 2014, she spearheaded the Washington Goes to the Dogs  
5 Summit to connect veterans and providers to healing and service  
6 opportunities; and

7       WHEREAS, Director Alvarado-Ramos established the position of  
8 Traumatic Brain Injury Coordinator in partnership with the TBI  
9 Council to educate the community, provide peer-to-peer mentorship,  
10 and connect veterans with TBI to VA and community resources; and

11       WHEREAS, Under her leadership, new programs and services were  
12 established to meet the needs of Washington's veterans and their  
13 families, including opening the new State Veterans Home in Walla  
14 Walla in 2017, new programs to serve military spouses and LGBTQ+  
15 veterans, and was heavily involved with the Veteran Employee Resource  
16 Group or VERG; and

17       WHEREAS, She is a multiyear recipient of the VA Pillar of  
18 Excellence Award, winning for her work on Homelessness in 2014,  
19 Military Transition Council in 2015, Incarcerated Veterans Program in  
20 2016, Community Partnership in 2017, and the Veterans Corps Program  
21 in 2018; and

22       WHEREAS, Her compassion, dedication, and mentorship have prepared  
23 a generation of leaders and public servants to carry on her legacy;  
24 and

25       WHEREAS, Director Alvarado-Ramos, known to her community as  
26 Alfie, has not once allowed her commitment to servicemembers past and  
27 present to falter in all those years of service;

28       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on behalf of the people of  
29 the state, and more specifically the more than 520,000 veterans who  
30 call Washington home, the Senate express its deep gratitude to  
31 Director Alvarado-Ramos, and honor her for the awesome legacy of  
32 service and dedication she leaves behind.

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