HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4670, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Dunshee, Dye, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Hickel, Holy, Hudgins, S. Hunt, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kuderer, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Parker, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Rossetti, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Sells, Senn, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Van Werven, Vick, Walkinshaw, Walsh, Wilcox, Wilson, Wylie, Young, and Zeiger

WHEREAS, Washington state is uniquely positioned politically,
economically, and geographically to deal with the opportunities and
challenges presented by Asia and the Pacific Rim countries; and

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

8 WHEREAS, The Navy has been a presence in Puget Sound for 175 9 years, and Puget Sound is today the Navy's third largest fleet 10 concentration area; and

WHEREAS, Washington Navy bases support two aircraft carriers, more than 13 surface ships, 13 submarines, 92 support vessels, and 13 115 aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Washington state and the Pacific Northwest are home to 31,000 active duty Navy service members, 15,000 Navy civilian employees, 2,400 drilling Naval reservists, 40,000 Navy family members, and 55,000 Navy retirees; and

18 WHEREAS, United States Navy installations provide careers and 19 economic stability to tens of thousands of Washington state citizens; 20 and

21 WHEREAS, The Puget Sound area has four shore installations: Naval 22 Station Everett, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Naval Magazine 23 Indian Island, and Naval Base Kitsap; and

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

3 WHEREAS, The United States Navy is a recognized leader in 4 environmental stewardship and responsibility and takes an active role 5 in protecting and conserving Washington state's waterways and 6 military lands;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state House 8 of Representatives recognize and express its utmost appreciation to 9 all those who have ever served in the United States Navy, as well as 10 extend our gratitude to their family members and friends, who have 11 shared their sacrifices as they answer the call to serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington state House of Representatives celebrate the Navy in our state and bring warm greetings and many thanks to each and every person related to the Navy's work and mission in our state.

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I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4670 adopted by the House of Representatives February 25, 2016

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk

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