

SENATE RESOLUTION

8691

By Senators O'Ban, Benton, Angel, Fraser, Liias, Billig, Rolfes, Nelson, Hobbs, Hewitt, Braun, King, Schoesler, Habib, Carlyle, McAuliffe, Mullet, Roach, Padden, Hasegawa, Brown, Conway, Bailey, Rivers, Cleveland, Honeyford, Ranker, Pedersen, Miloscia, Warnick, Jayapal, Fain, Chase, Dammeier, Parlette, Becker, Takko, Darneille, Keiser, and Pearson

1           WHEREAS, The service of all local law enforcement officers in  
2 Washington and the service of uniformed police in the Department of  
3 Corrections, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural  
4 Resources, Liquor and Cannabis Board, Gambling Commission, State Fire  
5 Marshal's Office, Office of the Attorney General, and Washington  
6 State Patrol is vital to the safety, order, and peace of Washington  
7 State, and should be honored today for the commitment, diligence, and  
8 sacrifice of these officers; and

9           WHEREAS, The 11,411 sworn police officers in Washington State  
10 should be recognized for their willingness to place their very lives  
11 on the line to protect citizens and their property from the few that  
12 would do them great harm; and

13           WHEREAS, Each individual officer in this state is responsible for  
14 more citizens per capita than in any other state in the nation; and

15           WHEREAS, The heroism displayed by officers in the face of  
16 violence and tragedy in our cities, counties, parks, and tribal lands  
17 highlights their commitment to justice and public safety; and

18           WHEREAS, The prevalence of violent crime across the United States  
19 has increased, and the corresponding risk to officers has increased  
20 as well; and

21           WHEREAS, Throughout our state's history, the ultimate sacrifice  
22 was made by 282 officers in the line of duty to protect our people,  
23 and must never be forgotten;

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate commend all  
2 members of law enforcement who put their lives in harm's way in  
3 continued service to the citizens of our state, and that the  
4 Senate express its deep gratitude for their unyielding resolve  
5 to protect our rights, our freedoms, our property, and our  
6 lives.

7 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
8 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
9 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8691,  
10 adopted by the Senate  
11 January 13, 2016

12 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
13 Secretary of the Senate