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Senate Concurrent Resolution 2

Sponsored by Senators THATCHER, LIEBER, MANNING JR; Senators GIROD, HAYDEN, KNOPP, LINTHICUM, MEEK, PATTERSON, SMITH DB, STEINER, Representatives BOICE, BOSHART DAVIS, BREESE-IVERSON, EVANS, HIEB, LEVY B, MCINTIRE, MORGAN (Presession filed.)

Whereas the Oregon Military Department and the Oregon National Guard have worked tirelessly over the past few years, deploying more than 1,900 service members to assist with public safety and the well-being of Oregonians in response to 2020 winter flooding in eastern Oregon, the COVID-19 pandemic, catastrophic 2020 Labor Day wildfires and the 2021 winter ice storm in western Oregon; and

Whereas in 2020 and 2021, the Oregon National Guard deployed more than 2,000 citizen airmen and soldiers outside the State of Oregon on missions supporting our nation's interests and security; and

Whereas the Oregon National Guard is composed of men and women of all ages with diverse skills and experiences focused on service and adding value to this state and the nation; and

Whereas the Oregon National Guard has humbly provided assistance to Oregon's wildfire response, assisted in traffic control management, staffed county emergency operations centers, supported local law enforcement and the Oregon State Police during fatality searches, provided security assistance to law enforcement agencies, provided call-taking assistance to the Employment Department and to the 2-1-1 information system and participated in numerous search and rescue missions throughout the Cascade Mountains; and

Whereas in response to massive flooding in February 1996, approximately 800 Oregon National Guard members were activated, and they provided crucial disaster relief and emergency management services throughout Oregon, including relocating and securing critical and priority equipment; and

Whereas the Oregon National Guard has, in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, done everything possible to protect Oregonians from the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including distributing personal protective equipment, supporting vaccination sites and assembling the Oregon Medical Station; and

Whereas the Oregon National Guard gave personnel and medical support to many local hospitals and medical providers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, helping tens of thousands of Oregonians through the extensive use of publicly owned facilities and working with the public and private sectors to protect our neighbors, friends and relatives; and

Whereas it would be impossible to say that Oregon took care of its own without the efforts of the brave service members of the Oregon National Guard; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor our exemplary Oregon National Guard service members, who can always be counted on to help Oregonians and who live by the motto: "Always Ready, Always There!"; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the leader of the Oregon Military Department and the Oregon National Guard, Major General Michael E. Stencel, the Adjutant General.

Adopted by Senate February 22, 2023

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Rob Wagner, President of Senate

Adopted by House March 22, 2023

Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House