RESOLUTION NO. 645

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, DECLARING SUPPORT OF FT. LEWIS AND MCCHORD AFB.

WHEREAS, the West Coast's only Power Projection Platform, Ft. Lewis and McChord AFB, along with the National Strategic Port of the Port of Tacoma offers a strategic location for the defense of the nation, and

WHEREAS, many citizens are just concluding their honorable service in Iraq as activated with the 81st BCT, Washington National Guard, while others continue service with other units, and

WHEREAS, approximately one-third of Pierce County's economic activity derives from Ft. Lewis and McChord AFB, and

WHEREAS, over the decades the soldiers and airmen of these installations have been invaluable citizens of our community, and

WHEREAS, soldiers and their families live among us as our friends and neighbors even as many have service members deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in defense of the nation, and

WHEREAS, our community supports the retention and expansion of missions and additional troops for Ft. Lewis and McChord AFB, NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Gig Harbor strongly supports and appreciates these soldiers and airmen for their commitment, heroism and bravery in the defense and preservation of our country and our liberties.

RESOLVED this 11th day of April, 2005.

APPROVED:

MAYOR, GRETCHEN A. WILBERT

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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