

## Commendation of Public Officials in DADT Repeal

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3 **WHEREAS** H.R. 5136 is the National Defense Appropriations Act for 2011;

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5 **WHEREAS** Amendment 79 to H.R. 5136 was sustained on the Senate floor on  
6 December 18, 2010;

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8 **WHEREAS** H.R. 5136 was signed into law by President Barack Obama on December 23,  
9 2010;

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11 **WHEREAS** this amendment has the effect of repealing the military policy that appears  
12 in Title 10, Section 654 of the United States Code, which is better known to the public at  
13 large as Don't Ask, Don't Tell;

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15 **WHEREAS** this amendment will render the United States a more perfect union;

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17 **WHEREAS** this amendment removes an unnecessary obstacle from blocking the path  
18 between patriotic Americans and their desire to serve their country with honor and  
19 distinction in military uniform;

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21 **WHEREAS** Rick Larsen, Patty Murray, Maria Cantwell, and President Obama were  
22 instrumental in achieving this repeal;

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24 **WHEREAS** Yes, we can; and

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26 **WHEREAS** Yes, we did;

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28 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the WSDCC commends President Barack Obama,  
29 Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, the Washington State Democratic  
30 Congressional Delegation, and all of the persons too numerous to list here, including  
31 the millions of citizens who elected these persons to office, on their success in repealing  
32 the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy of the U.S. Military.  
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35 Submitted by the Whatcom County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic  
36 Central Committee for consideration at its April 30, 2011 meeting in Wenatchee. (Date  
37 Submitted 4/20/2011)

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39 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND  
40 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its April 30, 2011 meeting in Wenatchee.

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42 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its April 30, 2011 meeting in Wenatchee.