

Commendation of Public Officials in DADT Repeal

Submitted by Shane Roth,

1. **Whereas**, H.R. 5136 is the National Defense Appropriations
2. Act for 2011; and
3. **Whereas**, Amendment 79 to H.R. 5136 was sustained on the
4. Senate floor on December 18, 2010; and
5. **Whereas**, H.R. 5136 was signed into law by President Barack
6. Obama on December 23, 2010; and
7. **Whereas**, this amendment has the effect of repealing the
8. military policy that appears in Title 10, Section 654 of
9. the United States Code, which is better known to the public
10. at large as Don't Ask, Don't Tell; and
11. **Whereas**, this amendment will render the United States a
12. more perfect union; and
13. **Whereas**, this amendment removes an unnecessary obstacle
14. from blocking the path between patriotic Americans and
15. their desire to serve their country with honor and
16. distinction in military uniform; and
17. **Whereas**, Rick Larsen, Patty Murray, Maria Cantwell, and
18. President Obama were instrumental in achieving this repeal;
19. and
20. **Whereas**, Yes, we can; and
21. **Whereas**, Yes, we did, therefore be it
22. **Resolved**, that the Whatcom Democratic Party commends
23. President Barack Obama, Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria
24. Cantwell, Representative Rick Larsen, and all of the
25. persons too numerous to list here, including the millions
26. of citizens who elected these persons to office, on their
27. success in repealing the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"
28. policy of the U.S. Military.