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By Senators Hobbs, King, Eide, Chase, McAuliffe, and Conway

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1            TO THE HONORABLE LYNN PETERSON, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO  
2 THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON  
3 STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

4            We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
5 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
6 represent and petition as follows:

7            WHEREAS, Thomas Stephen "Tom" Foley, a native of Spokane,  
8 Washington, served in the United States House of Representatives for  
9 thirty years representing the 5th Congressional District from 1965 to  
10 1995; and

11            WHEREAS, Thomas Stephen Foley became the 57th Speaker of the House  
12 of Representatives from 1989 to 1995, and has the distinction of being  
13 the first Speaker of the House of Representatives from a state west of  
14 the Rocky Mountains; and

15            WHEREAS, Before joining the United States House of Representatives,  
16 Thomas Stephen Foley taught at Gonzaga Law School from 1958 to 1959 and  
17 joined the Office of the Washington State Attorney General in 1960; and

18            WHEREAS, Thomas Stephen Foley was appointed as the 25th United  
19 States Ambassador to Japan by President Bill Clinton and served as  
20 ambassador from 1997 to 2001; and

1           WHEREAS, Thomas Stephen Foley was awarded the Washington State  
2 Medal of Merit in 2003 by Governor Gary Locke; and

3           WHEREAS, State route number 395 between the Tri-Cities and  
4 Ritzville was expanded to four lanes with the support of Thomas Stephen  
5 Foley, and the expansion of state route number 395 has increased safety  
6 and expedited the movement of people and freight between the two  
7 largest population centers in eastern Washington;

8           NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
9 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name  
10 state route number 395, beginning at the junction with state route  
11 number 397 in the vicinity of Pasco, thence in a northerly direction to  
12 the junction with Interstate 90, as the Thomas Stephen "Tom" Foley  
13 Memorial Highway to honor his service to Washington state.

14          BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
15 transmitted to the Honorable Lynn Peterson, Secretary of  
16 Transportation, the Washington State Transportation Commission, and the  
17 Washington State Department of Transportation.

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