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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND  
2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY,  
5 AND TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION:

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

9 WHEREAS, The recently concluded forty-five year defense production  
10 mission at Hanford generated a magnificent reservoir of human  
11 scientific and technical talent that is a tremendous national and  
12 regional asset; and

13 WHEREAS, The availability of the reservoir of talent, the pressing  
14 national need both to environmentally restore the Hanford Reservation  
15 and develop new hazardous and radioactive waste management technology  
16 for national and international use, and the regional need for economic  
17 activity to replace that from the production mission, all come together

1 to impel new scientific and technical activity on the Hanford  
2 Reservation; and

3 WHEREAS, The superconducting magnetic energy storage system  
4 represents a valuable new electricity storage and distribution  
5 technology of vital importance to the nation and the Northwest region,  
6 and the Hanford Reservation has both the human talent and an ideal site  
7 for construction and operation of the engineering test model; and

8 WHEREAS, The fast flux test facility is a unique and immensely  
9 valuable national and international research facility that, among other  
10 things, is the only facility capable of producing certain radionuclides  
11 of interest nationally and internationally; and

12 WHEREAS, The Hanford Reservation is ideally suited to become one of  
13 the two planned sites for the National Science Foundation's laser  
14 interferometer gravitational-wave observatories but is not yet so  
15 designated;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
17 Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, the  
18 Secretary of Energy, and the Director of the National Science  
19 Foundation acknowledge the capability and therefore make the Hanford  
20 Reservation the premier national scientific and technical research and  
21 development center for management of hazardous and radioactive waste,  
22 construct the engineering test model of the superconducting magnetic  
23 energy storage system, maintain the fast flux test facility in  
24 operation, and locate the laser interferometer gravitational-wave  
25 observatory at Hanford.

26 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
27 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United  
28 States, the Secretary of Energy, the Director of the National Science  
29 Foundation, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
30 the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the

1 State of Washington.