

SENATE BILL REPORT

SJM 8017

As Passed Senate, February 14, 1998

Brief Description: Naming the Admiral James S. Russell Bridge.

Sponsors: Senators Oke, Rasmussen and Winsley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/15/98, 1/29/98 [DP].
Passed Senate, 2/14/98, 45-2.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prince, Chair; Benton, Vice Chair; Wood, Vice Chair; Heavey, Horn, Morton, Oke, Rasmussen and Sellar.

Staff: Ashley Probart (786-7319)

Background: Washington State has a tradition of naming bridges after prominent Washington citizens. The Tacoma community and the Military Affairs Subcommittee would like to acknowledge the many accomplishments and contributions of Admiral James S. Russell, a Tacoma native, by naming the new cable stay bridge as it crosses the Thea Foss Waterway on State Route 509 the Admiral James S. Russell Bridge.–

The State Route 509 cable stay bridge is a modified suspension bridge that is approximately 1,000 feet in length. The Washington State Department of Transportation completed bridge construction in 1997.

Summary of Bill: The new cable stay bridge as it crosses the Thea Foss Waterway on State Route 509 is named the Admiral James S. Russell Bridge.–

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Naming the cable stay bridge on State Route 509 the Admiral James S. Russell Bridge– would recognize his many accomplishments and contributions to the Tacoma community.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Senator Oke, prime sponsor; Casey Cochrane, Gary Brackett, Ron Mikulski, Grace Bennett, Tacoma/Pierce County Chamber of Commerce; Josh Hiesler, Stadium High School ROTC.