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By Representatives Dickerson, Cody, Skinner, O'Brien, Voloria, Kessler, McIntire, Wood, Lovick, Romero, Conway, Ruderman, Hurst and Kenney

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1            TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

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

8            WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the second most common form of cancer  
9 in men; and

10           WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that, in 1998, in  
11 the United States, approximately two hundred ten thousand new cases of  
12 prostate cancer were diagnosed and approximately forty-two thousand  
13 American men died of prostate cancer; and

14           WHEREAS, With an estimated nine million American men currently  
15 afflicted, prostate cancer amounts to an epidemic in the United States;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, African-American men have the highest incidence of  
18 prostate cancer of any population of men in the world today; and

19           WHEREAS, The number of prostate cancer cases successfully diagnosed  
20 has increased significantly over the past thirty-five years, partly as

1 a result of the widespread use of improved screening techniques,  
2 including screening for the prostate cancer antigen; and

3 WHEREAS, Awareness needs to be strengthened, to alert men of ages  
4 fifty and above to the risk of and treatments for prostate cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, Significantly more research is needed to determine the  
6 causes and most effective treatments for prostate cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Prostate Cancer Coalition, a network of  
8 prostate cancer patients' advocates and support organizations, has  
9 presented five hundred thousand signatures to the United States  
10 Congress and the President, urging increased research funding for  
11 prostate cancer;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United  
13 States support increased federal funding for prostate cancer research.

14 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
15 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the  
16 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
17 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
18 State of Washington.

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