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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4024

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By Representatives Dunshee, Edwards, Jackley and Schmidt

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1            TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS B. MCDONALD, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION,  
2            AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE  
3            WASHINGTON 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, Mr. William P. Stewart (12/9/1839 - 12/11/1907) of  
8            Snohomish served bravely during the Civil War, volunteering to fight in  
9            the 29th Colored Infantry; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Stewart and his fellow soldiers faced  
11           horrible odds, with one in three becoming casualties during the war;  
12           and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Stewart, while fighting with General  
14           William Smith's 18th Corps, saw almost daily combat at the front near  
15           Petersburg, Virginia; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Stewart and his division fought their way  
17           through enemy lines to capture 200 Confederate soldiers and four  
18           cannons with horses along with ammunition; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Stewart and his fellow soldiers from black  
20           regiments fought hard and suffered the greatest rates of wounds and  
21           death, yet saw little recognition after the war; and

1       WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Stewart was a farmer before he volunteered  
2 for combat, and married Elizabeth Thorton and became a highly respected  
3 pioneer in the city of Snohomish; and

4       WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Stewart lived on a farm north of town, his  
5 house still standing, and died on December 11, 1907; and

6       WHEREAS, It is in the interests of the State of Washington to  
7 recognize Mr. William P. Stewart's bravery and sacrifices;

8       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
9 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name  
10 State Route 99 the "William P. Stewart Memorial Highway."

11       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
12 transmitted to the Honorable Douglas B. McDonald, Secretary of  
13 Transportation, the Washington State Transportation Commission, and the  
14 Washington State Department of Transportation.

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