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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8004** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senators Spanel, Swecker, Patterson, Hargrove, Costa, Eide, Fraser, Thibaudeau, Franklin, Regala, Gardner, Prentice, Kline, Kohl-Welles and Haugen

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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND 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:

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, The marine waters located in the Strait of Juan de Fuca
9 between the State of Washington and Canada are some of the most
10 pristine and diverse marine waters in the United States and include
11 irreplaceable natural resources; and

12 WHEREAS, The area includes such national treasures as the Olympic
13 Coast National Marine Sanctuary and the Olympic National Park, for
14 which the federal government acts as the trustee thereof; and

15 WHEREAS, The area is home to five federally recognized Indian
16 reservations for which the federal government has the responsibility of
17 protecting treaty rights over tribal fishing; and

18 WHEREAS, The area is the habitat for several threatened and
19 endangered species as designated by the federal government; and

1 WHEREAS, The marine waters are used by a large portion of the
2 federal government's strategic naval fleet, which poses a risk of oil
3 spills; and

4 WHEREAS, The marine waters are used for transportation of petroleum
5 products that are used to meet the energy needs in the Western United
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS, These marine waters are of great environmental and
8 economic importance to not only the State of Washington, but also to
9 the people of Canada and the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, The marine vessel traffic on these waters presents risks
11 of accidents and oil spills that would be devastating to the
12 environment and to the economy; and

13 WHEREAS, The safety of these waters is currently substantially
14 improved on a temporary basis by an oil spill prevention tugboat
15 stationed at the westward end of the Strait, the cost of which is
16 currently borne solely by the State of Washington;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
18 appropriate sufficient budgetary support to permanently station an oil
19 spill prevention tugboat, of adequate size, and with rescue, fire
20 fighting, spill response, and lifesaving capabilities, at the westward
21 end of the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

22 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
23 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
24 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
25 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
26 Washington.

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