
SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8011

State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session

By Senators Baumgartner, King, Padden, Schoesler, and Short

1 TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE
2 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
3 TRANSPORTATION:

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

7 WHEREAS, Samuel Grashio, a native of Spokane, Washington, served
8 in the United States Army Air Forces from 1940 to 1965 with great
9 faith and patriotism; and

10 WHEREAS, Samuel Grashio fought in the Battle of Bataan in 1942,
11 the first land battle for Americans in World War II; and

12 WHEREAS, Samuel Grashio's bravery led him to survive the Bataan
13 Death March; and

14 WHEREAS, Samuel Grashio was part of the only known successful
15 group escape of a Japanese prison camp; and

16 WHEREAS, Samuel Grashio earned the Distinguished Service Cross
17 and the Silver Star (with cluster) during the war; and

18 WHEREAS, Samuel Grashio returned to serve his community in a role
19 at Gonzaga University, of which he was an alumnus; and

20 WHEREAS, Thomas S. "Tom" Foley, a native of Spokane, Washington,
21 served in the United States House of Representatives for thirty years
22 representing the 5th Congressional District from 1965 to 1995; and

1 WHEREAS, Thomas S. Foley's decency and integrity gained him the
2 respect of his colleagues, and he rose steadily through the ranks of
3 leadership in the House of Representatives; and

4 WHEREAS, Thomas S. Foley was elected Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives in 1989, the first member of Congress from west of
6 the Rocky Mountains to hold that exalted constitutional position; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas S. Foley presided over the House of
8 Representatives with dignity and fairness, winning the admiration of
9 allies and opponents, and forging a reputation for problem solving
10 through compromise and conciliation; and

11 WHEREAS, Before joining the United States House of
12 Representatives, Thomas S. Foley taught at Gonzaga Law School from
13 1958 to 1959 and joined the Office of the Washington State Attorney
14 General in 1960; and

15 WHEREAS, Thomas S. Foley was appointed as the 25th United States
16 Ambassador to Japan by President Bill Clinton and served as
17 ambassador from 1997 to 2001; and

18 WHEREAS, Thomas S. Foley was awarded the Washington State Medal
19 of Merit in 2003 by Governor Gary Locke; and

20 WHEREAS, Thomas S. Foley was effective in securing over two
21 hundred eighty-nine million dollars in federal funds for state route
22 number 395 during his time in Congress, significantly increasing
23 safety and expediting the movement of people and freight between
24 population centers throughout eastern Washington;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
26 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to
27 name state route number 395 from Spokane to Ritzville as the "Samuel
28 Grashio Memorial Highway" and from Ritzville to Pasco as the Thomas
29 S. 'Tom' Foley Memorial Highway" to honor their service to Washington
30 state.

31 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
32 transmitted to the Secretary of Transportation, the Washington State
33 Transportation Commission, and the Washington State Department of
34 Transportation.

--- END ---