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1 TO THE HONORABLE SID MORRISON, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO
2 THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON
3 STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
4 MUNICIPALITIES OF WASHINGTON:

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, For many years, U.S. Highway 99 was the main north-south
9 route in the far West states, extending from Canada to Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, Beginning in the 1960's, with the construction of
11 Interstate Route 5, the functions of U.S. Highway 99 were gradually
12 taken over by Interstate Route 5, and U.S. Highway 99 was decertified
13 as a federal highway and became a state route; and

14 WHEREAS, Though supplanted as the state's primary north-south
15 highway, segments of the original U.S. Highway 99 remain, although many
16 are no longer identified as such; and

17 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 99 served as the main street of many of
18 Washington's cities and towns and, though not currently so designated,
19 these sections have both state and local historic significance; and

20 WHEREAS, During World War II, U.S. Highway 99 was a vital military
21 corridor and was indispensable to America's war effort; and

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 99 was a major migration route in the West
2 and was fondly referred to as the "Highway of Three Nations," the
3 "Pacific Highway," and the "Golden Chain"; and

4 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 99 is an important link to Washington's past,
5 it is fitting that a means to designate these historic sections of
6 former U.S. Highway 99 be established;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
8 Department of Transportation and local governments and municipalities,
9 upon application by local agencies or private groups, identify any
10 section of former U.S. Highway 99 that is of interest to an applicant
11 agency or group as "Historic U.S. Highway 99." The designation is to
12 be ceremonial in nature and should not be construed as placing any
13 additional restrictions or limitations whatsoever on the ability of
14 state or local governments or landowners to take such action with
15 respect to property abutting former U.S. Highway 99 as is otherwise
16 allowable under applicable laws, regulations, or ordinances.

17 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
18 transmitted to the Honorable Sid Morrison, Secretary of Transportation,
19 the Washington State Transportation Commission, the Washington State
20 Department of Transportation, and relevant local governments and
21 municipalities.

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