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By Representatives Angel, Kirby, Cox, Shea, Dammeier, Johnson, Bailey, Orcutt, Hinkle, Warnick, Campbell, Wallace, Armstrong, and Pearson

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1 TO THE HONORABLE PAULA HAMMOND, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO
2 THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON
3 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, Bob Oke was born on September 4, 1940, and spent his life
8 enjoying the great state of Washington, being born in Spokane and
9 raised in West Seattle; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Oke joined the Navy immediately after graduating from
11 high school and served his country honorably for twenty-six years,
12 reaching the rank of senior chief petty officer before his retirement;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Oke was elected to the Washington State Senate in 1990
15 and served the twenty-sixth district with integrity, honor, and dignity
16 throughout his sixteen years of service; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob Oke was an avid outdoorsman who particularly enjoyed
18 fishing and pheasant hunting and worked hard to improve these
19 activities for future generations; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob Oke's vision and tenacity made possible the
2 construction of a new Tacoma Narrows bridge that will serve the
3 residents of his district and the entire state of Washington for
4 generations; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Oke's life will always be remembered by those who knew
6 him for his integrity, honor, humility, faith, and unshakable optimism;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Bob Oke devoted his love to Mrs. Oke, his beloved wife,
9 best friend, and companion for thirty-one wonderful years, and together
10 they devoted their life to their family of 3 daughters, 1 son, and 9
11 grandchildren;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
13 Washington State Transportation Commission name the new Tacoma Narrows
14 bridge the Bob Oke bridge.

15 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
16 transmitted to the Honorable Paula Hammond, Secretary of
17 Transportation, the Washington State Transportation Commission, and the
18 Washington State Department of Transportation.

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