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1 TO THE HONORABLE ROGER MILLAR, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND
2 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,
6 respectfully represent and petition as follows:

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

10 WHEREAS, His decency and integrity gained him the respect of his
11 colleagues, and he rose steadily through the ranks of leadership in
12 the House of Representatives; and

13 WHEREAS, He was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives
14 in 1989, the first member of Congress from west of the Rocky
15 Mountains to hold that exalted constitutional position; and

16 WHEREAS, He presided over the House of Representatives with
17 dignity and fairness, winning the admiration of allies and opponents,
18 and forging a reputation for problem solving through compromise and
19 conciliation; and

20 WHEREAS, Before joining the United States House of
21 Representatives, Thomas S. Foley taught at Gonzaga Law School from
22 1958 to 1959 and joined the Office of the Washington State Attorney
23 General in 1960; and

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

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

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

11 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
12 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to
13 name state route number 395 as the Thomas S. "Tom" Foley Memorial
14 Highway to honor his service to Washington state.

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

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