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By Representative Muri

- TO THE HONORABLE DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, 1 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 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF 4 5 TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION
- COMMISSION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: 6 7 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of

in

Washington, respectfully represent and petition as follows: 9

- WHEREAS, Thousands of United States military veterans live and 10 work near and travel through the South Sound region on Interstate 5 11 12 (I-5); and
- 13 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Veterans 14 Affairs, 593,350 veterans currently reside in Washington state; and
- 15 WHEREAS, According to the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of 16 America, there are 2.4 million veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts nationwide; and 17
- 18 WHEREAS, Veterans from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Bangor Sub Base,
- Bremerton Naval Station, and others served honorably in the Iraq and 19
- 20 Afghanistan conflicts, some of whom died or were injured during the
- 14 to 16 years of ongoing operations there; and 21
- WHEREAS, The Brown Farm Road Northeast bridge at exit 114 over 22

23 I-5 is currently unnamed; and

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legislative session assembled,

1 WHEREAS, Signage in the vicinity of the bridge at exit 114 over 2 I-5 would be a visible display of honor and gratitude for active 3 duty, former, and retired veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan 4 conflicts and their families; and

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WHEREAS, We recognize that these veterans protected our freedom with their duty, honor, and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, This signage would also serve as a reminder to motorists of the sacrifices made by service members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard assigned to various military bases worldwide and in the Evergreen state; and

11 WHEREAS, This recognition is merely a small way of saying, "Thank 12 you for your service";

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name the Brown Farm Road Northeast bridge at exit 114 over I-5, the "Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans Bridge," with permanent signage in the vicinity of the bridges.

BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, the Secretary of Transportation, the Washington State Transportation Commission, the Washington State Department of Transportation, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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