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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Muri, Kraft, and Young)

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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, Thousands of United States military veterans live and  
8 work near and travel through the South Sound region on Interstate 5  
9 (I-5); and

10           WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Veterans  
11 Affairs, 593,350 veterans currently reside in Washington state; and

12           WHEREAS, According to the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of  
13 America, there are 2.4 million veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan  
14 conflicts nationwide; and

15           WHEREAS, Veterans from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Bangor Sub Base,  
16 Bremerton Naval Station, and others served honorably in the Iraq and  
17 Afghanistan conflicts, some of whom died or were injured during the  
18 14 to 16 years of ongoing operations there; and

19           WHEREAS, The Brown Farm Road Northeast bridge at exit 114 over  
20 I-5 is currently unnamed; and

21           WHEREAS, Signage in the vicinity of the bridge at exit 114 over  
22 I-5 would be a visible display of honor and gratitude for active

1 duty, former, and retired veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan  
2 conflicts and their families; and

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

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

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

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

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

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