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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 ТΟ 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 8 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent and petition as follows: 9 WHEREAS, The United States' involvement in World War I extended 10 from April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and 11 12 WHEREAS, November 11, 2018, marks the centennial anniversary of 13 Armistice Day; and WHEREAS, Nearly 60,617 Washingtonians served in military uniform 14 15 during the "War to End All Wars" and 1,642 lost their lives during 16 the conflict; and WHEREAS, Volunteers started a military training camp at American 17 18 Lake to encourage citizen readiness for the war in Europe, leading to 19 the construction in 1917 of Tacoma's Camp Lewis, which later became 20 Fort Lewis and then Joint Base Lewis-McChord; and WHEREAS, The South Tacoma Way bridge at exit 127 over I-5 is 21 22 currently unnamed; and

1 WHEREAS, Signage in the vicinity of the bridge at exit 127 over 2 I-5 would be a visible display of honor and gratitude to those 3 members of the armed forces who served in World War I; and

WHEREAS, We owe a great debt of gratitude to those members of the armed forces who lost their lives in that war, and also those who served and aided in carrying out their duties to the ultimate victory;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the 9 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to 10 name the South Tacoma Way bridge at exit 127 over I-5, the "World War 11 I Veterans Memorial Bridge," with permanent signage in the vicinity 12 of the bridge.

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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