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3 By Committee on Energy & Utilities

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5 On page 1, beginning on line 5, strike all material through
6 "Washington." on page 2, line 20 and insert the following:

7 "We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
8 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
9 represent and petition as follows:

10 WHEREAS, The nation's economic system, the trade deficit, our
11 national security, and American jobs are tied closely to adequate and
12 stable supplies of energy; and

13 WHEREAS, Half of the country's energy use today is oil; and

14 WHEREAS, Imports of foreign oil are now increasing past the fifty
15 percent level, while domestic production continues to decline; and

16 WHEREAS, Repeated events in the Middle East point up the United
17 States' vulnerability to, and the potential for, oil supply disruptions
18 due to the unstable nature of this volatile region; and

19 WHEREAS, There is an urgent national need to pursue all practicable
20 measures to offset use of imported oil; and

21 WHEREAS, Many practicable alternatives to foreign oil are
22 available, including more efficient use of all forms of energy, ethanol
23 and other alternative vehicle fuels, enhanced production of domestic
24 oil and natural gas, nuclear energy, the sun, the wind, and geothermal
25 energy, and environmentally better use of domestic coal; and

26 WHEREAS, The least cost, most available, and most environmentally
27 benign alternative is increased investment in energy efficiency; and

1 WHEREAS, A clear and well-articulated national energy policy can
2 give strong and unequivocal national direction toward a sound energy
3 future;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
5 quickly enact a national energy strategy and implementing measures that
6 will most effectively lead to reduced dependence on foreign oil.

7 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
8 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
9 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
10 House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress from the State
11 of Washington."