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1            TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND  
2 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  
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

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

8            WHEREAS, Washington State received record rainfalls of up to  
9 sixteen inches in two different storm events in November 1990; and

10           WHEREAS, These rainstorms brought record flooding to seven  
11 Washington river systems in November 1990; and

12           WHEREAS, Governor Booth Gardner declared a State of Emergency in  
13 nineteen Washington counties; and

14           WHEREAS, President George Bush signed a Presidential Disaster  
15 Declaration to cover these nineteen Washington counties; and

16           WHEREAS, Washington State was hit by high winds in an unprecedented  
17 third storm event on December 26, 1990, through December 28, 1990; and

1           WHEREAS, Two hundred sixty government entities in Washington State  
2 have applied for assistance under the Disaster Declaration; and

3           WHEREAS, Over two hundred million dollars in private and public  
4 damage has occurred during these three storm events across Washington  
5 State; and

6           WHEREAS, Governor Booth Gardner has extended the State of Emergency  
7 Declaration to cover the third storm event in December 1990; and

8           WHEREAS, Governor Booth Gardner has requested that President George  
9 Bush extend the Presidential Disaster Declaration to cover this third  
10 storm event; and

11           WHEREAS, Washington State citizens and government entities will  
12 experience even more hardship without the extension of the Presidential  
13 Disaster Declaration;

14           NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that President  
15 George Bush extend his initial Presidential Disaster Declaration  
16 affecting Washington State, to include the third storm event of  
17 December 26, 1990, through December 28, 1990.

18           BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
19 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United  
20 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
21 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
22 Washington.