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By House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Locke, Anderson, Belcher, Sheldon, Brekke, Spanel, Rasmussen, Prentice, Franklin, Leonard, Paris and Dellwo)

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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, The Chinook, Cowlitz, Duwamish, Samish, Snohomish,
9 Snoqualmie, and Steilacoom Tribes of Washington have not been
10 officially acknowledged by the department of the interior on behalf of
11 the United States government; and

12 WHEREAS, Federal acknowledgement of these tribes will restore
13 tribal sovereignty, improve tribal governance, clarify tribal status,
14 and establish important tribal rights, powers, and privileges; and

15 WHEREAS, These tribes are petitioning the department of the
16 interior to secure official federal acknowledgement; and

1 WHEREAS, The United States Senate select committee on Indian
2 affairs has begun the process of developing federal legislation
3 designed to speed up the time line and procedures by which tribes
4 petition for federal acknowledgement;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
6 Congress of the United States enact legislation that will assure that
7 the unacknowledged tribes located in Washington state have the
8 opportunity to petition the department of the interior for federal
9 acknowledgement in a manner which is clear, unbiased, and timely in
10 administrative response.

11 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
12 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
13 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
14 House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress from the State
15 of Washington.