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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 recognized by the bureau of Indian affairs on behalf of the  
11 United States government; and

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

15            WHEREAS, These tribes are petitioning the bureau of Indian affairs  
16 to secure official federal recognition; and

1       WHEREAS, Federal legislation is needed to improve current  
2 procedures by which tribes must petition for federal recognition;

3       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
4 Congress of the United States confer the status of federally recognized  
5 tribes upon the Chinook, Cowlitz, Duwamish, Samish, Snohomish,  
6 Snoqualmie, and Steilacoom Tribes of Washington, and that federal  
7 legislation be enacted guaranteeing to all tribes the right to seek  
8 federal recognition under a clear, unbiased, and timely administrative  
9 procedure.

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