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By Representative Benson

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
4 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE
5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO
7 THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
8 SERVICES, AND TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH:

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

12 WHEREAS, An estimated one hundred twenty-eight million
13 Americans suffer from chronic, degenerative, and acute diseases and
14 conditions; and

15 WHEREAS, The crippling economic and psychological burdens of
16 chronic, degenerative, and acute diseases result in billions of
17 dollars every year in costs of treatment and lost productivity and
18 these estimates do not consider the extreme human loss and
19 emotional suffering; and

20 WHEREAS, Human stem cell research is currently offering immense
21 promise for developing new medical therapies for debilitating
22 diseases and could lead to unprecedented treatments and potential
23 cures for multiple sclerosis, stroke, cancer, Parkinson's disease,
24 and heart disease; and

25 WHEREAS, The National Bioethics Advisory Commission has found
26 that research on adult stem cells may have important applications
27 in medical research and should be pursued; and

28 WHEREAS, The United States has historically been a haven for
29 open scientific inquiry and technological innovation and is the
30 world leader in biomedicine and biotechnology; and

1 WHEREAS, All ethical considerations of using stem cells in
2 research must be weighed before engaging in such research,
3 including the potential to save and preserve lives and reduce human
4 suffering through new treatments and cures; and

5 WHEREAS, Human embryonic stem cells have the potential for
6 life, using them for research would cross a fundamental moral line;

7 WHEREAS, Stem cell research holds enormous potential for
8 treating or even curing some diseases, the cloning of human beings
9 is morally and ethically unacceptable;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that
11 federal funding be made widely available to support research
12 involving human adult stem cells, including somatic cell nuclear
13 transplantation, upon full consideration of the ethical and medical
14 implications of this research.

15 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
16 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the
17 United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of
18 Health and Human Services, the Director of the National Institutes
19 of Health, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
20 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from
21 the State of Washington."

EFFECT: Changes the request to the federal government to support research involving human embryonic stem cells and human embryonic germ cells to a request to support research involving human adult stem cells. Changes background information about the potential uses and applications of human embryonic stem cell research to the potential uses and applications of human adult stem cell research. Adds a background statement that the use of human embryonic stem cells for research is not moral.