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By Representatives Morris, Anderson, Linville, Veloria, Skinner, Quall, Hunt, Cox, Miloscia, Ericksen, McDonald, Pearson and Sullivan

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1            TO THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, THE UNITED  
2 STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, THE VANCOUVER 2010 BID CORPORATION, THE PRIME  
3 MINISTER OF CANADA, AND THE PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

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

7            WHEREAS, The State of Washington has a close cultural, economic,  
8 and intergovernmental relationship with the Canadian province of  
9 British Columbia; and

10           WHEREAS, This close relationship has been developed further by  
11 working together on world class civic events like the 1986 World's Fair  
12 in Vancouver B.C. and sharing the economic benefits of such world class  
13 events; and

14           WHEREAS, The State of Washington and British Columbia both are  
15 members of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region representing the tenth  
16 largest economy in the world; and

17           WHEREAS, The 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah,  
18 generated over one billion dollars in revenue and spending in the  
19 entire western region; and

1       WHEREAS, The region has legacy facilities from world class civic  
2 events. These facilities include the Space Needle, BC Place, the sky  
3 train, and the monorail to name a few; and

4       WHEREAS, The Pacific Northwest Economic Region as a whole, but  
5 particularly tourism, emerging industries, and small businesses, will  
6 benefit from an estimated six billion dollars worth of worldwide media  
7 attention; and

8       WHEREAS, Benefits accrue in excess of ten years, on a continuing  
9 basis, from increased tourism;

10       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully communicate our  
11 support for backing the Vancouver 2010 Olympic bid.

12       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
13 transmitted to the International Olympic Organizing Committee, the  
14 United States Olympic Committee, the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation,  
15 the Prime Minister of Canada, and the Premier of British Columbia.

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