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**By** Representatives Haigh, Conway, Talcott, Bush, Sehlin, Bailey, O'Brien, Simpson, McCoy, Hatfield, Carrell, Woods, Rockefeller, Anderson, Blake, Eickmeyer, Wood, Linville, McMahan, Campbell, Wallace, Upthegrove, Kenney and McDonald; by request of Joint Select Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs

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1            TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
2            AND 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, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF THE  
5            UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND THE SECRETARY OF THE  
6            UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE:

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

10           WHEREAS, Many American service members have sacrificed their lives  
11           for the United States; and

12           WHEREAS, Many of these service members have retired from active  
13           duty and 28 percent of the retirees were found to be disabled; and

14           WHEREAS, Those retired disabled service members are required by law  
15           to have their retirement income reduced dollar for dollar to pay their  
16           disability compensation; and

17           WHEREAS, Retired veterans make up approximately ten percent of all  
18           veterans living in this state and the retired disabled veterans make up  
19           approximately 36.6 percent of the retired veteran population of this  
20           state; and

1       WHEREAS, Concurrent receipt of both the retired pay and the  
2 disability compensation pay would add financially to the welfare of  
3 this state as well as the veterans;

4       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
5 President, in acting upon the recommendations of the National Service  
6 Organizations, fund the enacted law for all disabled retired veterans.  
7 Your Memorialists further pray that Congress and the President affirm  
8 the debt owed these veterans and pass a budget to furnish the veterans  
9 their concurrent receipt.

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

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