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By Senators Tom, Oemig, and Jarrett

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1 TO THE HONORABLE PAULA HAMMOND, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO
2 THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON
3 STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

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, On June 22, 2007, Kollin Nielsen tragically lost his life
8 due to a drunk driving incident while working on the state Department
9 of Transportation's Interstate 405 Kirkland Project in support of the
10 citizens of Washington; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Nielsen was thirty years old and an employee of Kiewit
12 Pacific Construction Company. He was Project Engineer over the
13 grading, drainage, and paving work, which included many critical
14 operations such as surveying, erosion control, traffic control, and
15 subcontractor coordination. He was a critical part of the construction
16 team; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Nielsen is survived by his wife, Sara, and his young
18 son; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Nielsen grew up on a farm in Eastern Washington, where
20 his parents instilled in him a great work ethic. He was deeply

1 committed to his faith and very active in his church, no matter where
2 his career took him. These virtues were very evident in the way Mr.
3 Nielsen lived his life. He worked hard, played hard, and always
4 treated everyone with the utmost respect, dignity, and honesty;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
6 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name
7 the NE 116th Street overcrossing of Interstate 405 in Kirkland the
8 "Kollin Nielsen Memorial Bridge."

9 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
10 transmitted to the Honorable Paula Hammond, Secretary of
11 Transportation, the Washington State Transportation Commission, and the
12 Washington State Department of Transportation.

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