

HJM 4010 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

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1 Beginning on page 1, line 1, strike all of the joint memorial and  
2 insert the following:

3 "TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE  
4 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 TRANSPORTATION:

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

9 WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Stewart (12/9/1839 - 12/11/1907) of  
10 Snohomish served bravely during the Civil War after he volunteered  
11 for service in the 29th U.S. Colored Infantry Regiment; and

12 WHEREAS, That military unit suffered enormous losses during the  
13 war, with one out of three soldiers becoming casualties; and

14 WHEREAS, Stewart demonstrated tremendous courage and dedication  
15 to the cause of liberty by volunteering to serve as an African-  
16 American during the Civil War; and

17 WHEREAS, Stewart served honorably during the closing days of the  
18 war and during its aftermath in Texas, where Stewart and his unit  
19 were deployed in response to instability in Mexico due to French  
20 intervention; and

21 WHEREAS, Stewart was a farmer before he volunteered for combat  
22 and a respected pioneer of the town of Snohomish after the war, but  
23 he and his fellow soldiers received little recognition for their  
24 bravery and sacrifice; and

25 WHEREAS, Stewart married Elizabeth Thorton and became a highly  
26 respected pioneer in the city of Snohomish, where his house is still  
27 standing; and

28 WHEREAS, Stewart is buried in the Grand Army of the Republic  
29 cemetery in Snohomish along with two hundred other civil war veterans  
30 who founded the cemetery; and

31 WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the State of Washington to  
32 finally recognize its citizens who volunteered and served bravely in  
33 the defense of our union;

1       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
2 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to  
3 name State Route Number 99 the "William P. Stewart Memorial Highway."

4       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
5 transmitted to the Secretary of Transportation, the Washington State  
6 Transportation Commission, and the Washington State Department of  
7 Transportation."

EFFECT: Makes technical corrections and provides additional  
details of Stewart's military service.

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