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By Senators Hasegawa, Miloscia, Chase, Darneille, Jayapal, Cleveland, Kohl-Welles, Pedersen, Hargrove, Keiser, McCoy, Dammeier, King, and Rolfes

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

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

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

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

12 WHEREAS, Stewart fought with Gen. William Smith's 18th Corps,
13 which saw almost daily combat as it battled near Petersburg,
14 Virginia; and

15 WHEREAS, During that battle, Stewart and his division charged
16 forward to capture two hundred Confederate prisoners, four cannons
17 with horses, and ammunition; and

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

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

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

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

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

13 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
14 transmitted to the Honorable Lynn Peterson, Secretary of
15 Transportation, the Washington State Transportation Commission, and
16 the Washington State Department of Transportation.

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