

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HJM 4016

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, March 2, 2020

**Brief Description:** Requesting to commence proceedings in naming state route number 902 the Gold Star Memorial Highway.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Riccelli, Volz, Graham, Fey, Lovick, Valdez, Maycumber, Leavitt, Tarleton, Shea and Ormsby.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/13/20, 98-0.

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/24/20, 3/02/20 [DP].

### Brief Summary of Joint Memorial

- Requests that State Route 902 be named the Gold Star Memorial Highway

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Sheldon, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Das, Fortunato, Lovelett, Nguyen, O'Ban, Padden, Randall, Takko, Wilson, C. and Zeiger.

**Staff:** Erica Bramlet (786-7321)

**Background:** The Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) is responsible for naming state transportation facilities, including highways and bridges. The WSTC naming policy states a naming is done in a thorough and deliberative manner to honor and institute an enduring memory of a person or group of people who have contributed significantly to the well-being of the state or nation and with the widespread support of the people from the area in which the facility is located.

The naming process can be initiated by the Washington State Department of Transportation (DOT), state and local governmental entities, citizen organizations, or an individual providing sufficient evidence to the WSTC indicating community support and acceptance of the proposal. Alternatively, the Legislature may pass a joint memorial requesting that a

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facility be named, at which point WSTC will hold a public hearing to allow for public input. After WSTC takes final action, DOT designs and installs the appropriate signs.

State Route (SR) 902 is within Spokane County, connects on both ends to I-90, and is the state highway nearest the Washington State Veterans Cemetery.

**Summary of Joint Memorial:** WSTC is requested to commence proceedings to name SR 902 the Gold Star Memorial Highway.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: There are 6000 veterans resting in the Washington State Veterans Cemetery. This is a community-requested bill, and would help honor the families that served along with the veterans and sacrificed their loved ones. This bill would show the sacrifices are not unnoticed, and would help families heal.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Representative Marcus Riccelli, Prime Sponsor; Allen Acosta; Shane Inman, VLC.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.