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By Representatives Dent, Paul, Barkis, Nance, Entenman, Orcutt, Klicker, Mena, Shavers, Dufault, Ormsby, Springer, and Timmons

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1 TO THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE
2 HONORABLE JULIE MEREDITH, SECRETARY OF THE WASHINGTON STATE
3 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT
4 OF TRANSPORTATION:

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

8 WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest military
9 award given "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of
10 life above and beyond the call of duty"; and

11 WHEREAS, Less than one-tenth of one percent of America's service
12 members have been awarded the Medal of Honor, with 34 known
13 recipients accredited from Washington state; and

14 WHEREAS, Washington has an inherent tie to its veterans having
15 become a state on November 11, 1889, which also became Armistice Day
16 in 1919, and Veteran's Day in 1954; and

17 WHEREAS, Washington's people proclaim its deep gratitude for the
18 supreme service of our nation's Medal of Honor recipients; and

19 WHEREAS, Interstate 90 is an east-west transcontinental highway
20 that starts in Seattle and ends in Boston that is used by people from
21 all over the United States, thus a proclamation along its corridor
22 would be viewed by millions of people; and

1 WHEREAS, The Vantage Bridge over the Columbia River is an
2 impressive facility of importance to the country placed in a majestic
3 setting;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
5 Washington transportation commission commence proceedings to
6 designate the bridge that carries Interstate 90 over the Columbia
7 River near Vantage, Washington as the "Medal of Honor Bridge" as a
8 way for the state to show respect and remember medal of honor
9 recipients.

10 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
11 transmitted to the Washington State Transportation Commission, the
12 Honorable Julie Meredith, secretary of the department of
13 transportation, and the Washington State Department of
14 Transportation.

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