

---

**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8009**

---

**State of Washington**

**69th Legislature**

**2025 Regular Session**

**By** Senator MacEwen

Read first time 01/15/25. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 TO THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE  
2 HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
4 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, Joe Mentor was born in 1933 in Covington, Louisiana and  
9 lived in Kitsap County from 1936 until his death in 2003; and

10 WHEREAS, Joe Mentor was a real estate developer and builder in  
11 Kitsap County for 50 years and owned numerous properties in  
12 Bremerton, Port Orchard, Silverdale, and Poulsbo at the time of his  
13 death; and

14 WHEREAS, Joe Mentor developed and built the original Eldorado  
15 Hills housing development on the west side of Highway 16, earning  
16 national recognition in Sunset Magazine; and

17 WHEREAS, Joe Mentor was a Washington State Representative,  
18 serving two terms from 1968 to 1972; and

19 WHEREAS, Joe Mentor was involved in many business groups in  
20 Kitsap County, including the Kitsap County Bank Board of Directors,  
21 Olympic College Board of Trustees, and member of the Chambers of  
22 Commerce in Bremerton, Poulsbo, and Port Orchard; and

1       WHEREAS, Joe Mentor graduated from the University of Washington  
2 with a degree in business and was a life member of the University of  
3 Washington Alumni Association; and

4       WHEREAS, Joe Mentor was the former publisher of the Kitsap  
5 Journal; and

6       WHEREAS, Joe Mentor owned and operated Kitsap Bremerton  
7 Charleston Transit, now known as Kitsap Transit; and

8       WHEREAS, Joe Mentor was involved in the building community as a  
9 longtime member and President of the Kitsap County Home Builder's  
10 Association, now known as Kitsap Building Association, and a local  
11 Director for the National Association of Home Builders; and

12       WHEREAS, Joe Mentor regularly donated his time in many groups  
13 throughout the Kitsap County community, including as an active member  
14 and deacon of the Silverdale Lutheran Church, Vice President of  
15 Olympic Peninsula Enterprises, member of NAACP, Boy Scout Master and  
16 member of Kitsap County Boy Scouts Board of Directors, life member of  
17 Holly Ridge School, member of Bremerton Navy League, and Chairman of  
18 the Kitsap County Cancer Drive;

19       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
20 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to  
21 designate the State Route Number 3 overpass at the junction of Chico  
22 Way NW in Bremerton as the Joe Mentor memorial overpass to honor his  
23 years of public service.

24       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
25 transmitted to the Washington State Transportation Commission, the  
26 Honorable Secretary of the Washington State Department of  
27 Transportation, and the Washington State Department of  
28 Transportation.

--- END ---