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By Senators Vognild, Patterson, Gaspard, Hayner, Snyder, Newhouse, Anderson and McMullen.

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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

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

8 WHEREAS, To promote safety of life and property at sea and the
9 protection of the marine environment, the International Standards of
10 Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers was established
11 in 1978; and

12 WHEREAS, This international convention on crew standards has been
13 ratified by seventy-eight nations, including all major maritime nations
14 in the world, with the exception of the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Foreign flag vessels carry ninety-five percent of all
16 waterborne commerce into the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Ratification by the United States of the International
2 Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping
3 for Seafarers, 1978, would provide the United States Coast Guard with
4 the authority to enforce crew standards on foreign flag vessels in
5 United States waters;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
7 President and Congress of the United States ratify the International
8 Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping
9 for Seafarers, 1978.

10 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
11 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
12 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
13 House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress from the State
14 of Washington.