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By Senators Conner and Rasmussen.

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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, The sons and daughters of the State of Washington have on  
9 countless occasions distinguished themselves in the service of their  
10 state and nation as members of the Armed and Auxiliary Forces of the  
11 United States of America; and

12            WHEREAS, These citizens of the State of Washington have all too  
13 often suffered severe hardship, shed blood, and given their very lives  
14 in defending our country, our Constitution, and our way of life; and

15            WHEREAS, It is right and fitting that Washington veterans and other  
16 eligible individuals be granted the opportunity of an honorable

1 internment of their final remains in a National Cemetery located within  
2 the boundaries of their home State of Washington; and

3 WHEREAS, Washington is one of only twelve states that currently  
4 lacks a National Cemetery; and

5 WHEREAS, A need for at least sixty-two thousand national cemetery  
6 gravesites has been projected for the Seattle-Tacoma area alone by the  
7 year 2030;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
9 President of the United States and the United States Congress do direct  
10 and encourage the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to  
11 establish a National Cemetery within the boundaries of the State of  
12 Washington, at the earliest possible date and after due consultation  
13 with the governor and legislature of the State of Washington, the  
14 Washington Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Advisory  
15 Council, other state departments and agencies, the elected officials of  
16 affected Washington counties and municipalities, and representatives of  
17 veterans organizations from across Washington.

18 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
19 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United  
20 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
21 House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress from the State  
22 of Washington.