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1 TO THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON, 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, AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
5 NATIONS:

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

9 WHEREAS, The rape of women in Bosnia appears to be deliberate,
10 massive, and systematic; and

11 WHEREAS, A fact-finding team of the European Community estimated
12 that thirty thousand to fifty thousand Muslim women had been raped and
13 tortured since the fighting began last April; and

14 WHEREAS, The team concluded that the mass rapes there were a
15 strategy of war for purposes of "ethnic cleansing," and not just crimes
16 of opportunity by individual soldiers; and

17 WHEREAS, All Americans should speak out against the most sadistic
18 violence, systematic torture, and murder haunting Europe since the Nazi
19 campaigns; and

20 WHEREAS, United States groups seeking action on Bosnia include the
21 American Jewish Committee, the American Muslim Council, the Anti-

1 Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Task Force for Bosnia,
2 the National Association of Arab Americans, and the Albanian American
3 Civic League;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the White
5 House condemn the rape of women in Bosnia and the ethnic cleansing and
6 create an international war crimes tribunal.

7 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
8 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United
9 States, the Members of the United Nations, the President of the United
10 States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each
11 member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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