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By Senators Fraser, Deccio, Talmadge, Morton, McCaslin and Roach

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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 BRUCE BABBITT, SECRETARY
5 OF THE INTERIOR, AND TO ROGER KENNEDY, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PARK
6 SERVICE:

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

10 WHEREAS, The recognition and preservation of architectural,
11 cultural, and historic resources in Washington State contributes to the
12 understanding of our past; and

13 WHEREAS, Mt. Rainier National Park is one of the most significant
14 natural resources in the United States and the State of Washington; and

15 WHEREAS, The historic buildings throughout Mt. Rainier National
16 Park represent a collection of buildings that reflect important periods
17 in the park's development; and

18 WHEREAS, The Sunrise Lodge in Yakima Park was built in 1931 by the
19 Rainier National Park Company and later acquired by the National Park
20 Service and has served thousands of people for more than seventy years;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, Sunrise Lodge, together with the remaining structures that
2 once comprised "Sunrise Village," now form the Sunrise Historic
3 District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The significance of that district lies in its historical
6 association with the first comprehensive planning effort for facilities
7 development in Yakima Park, and in the visual unity achieved by the
8 consistent use of design elements in the rustic tradition to integrate
9 the complex with its natural setting; and

10 WHEREAS, The National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region,
11 developed a draft Environmental Assessment/Development Concept Plan for
12 the Sunrise Area in June 1992, that recommends a plan that would
13 demolish Sunrise Lodge; and

14 WHEREAS, The cost differential among the alternatives, one of which
15 would preserve and rehabilitate Sunrise Lodge, is negligible compared
16 to the loss of historic and cultural values that would be the result of
17 the demolition of Sunrise Lodge;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
19 National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region, reconsider its
20 decision to demolish Sunrise Lodge and work with local and state-wide
21 interests in preserving this structure.

22 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
23 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United
24 States, Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior, Roger Kennedy,
25 Director of the National Park Service, the President of the United
26 States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each
27 member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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