

SENATE RESOLUTION
1995-8657

By Senator Hargrove

WHEREAS, Russell H. Barker, a Washington State Department of Transportation maintenance worker, was killed while trying to save the State Route 101 Bogachiel River Bridge from washing out during a violent rainstorm on December 14, 1979; and

WHEREAS, The family of Russell H. Barker has requested that the replacement structure over the Bogachiel River be identified as a memorial for him; and

WHEREAS, The city council of the City of Forks, Washington has unanimously recommended that a Russ Barker memorial be located on the Bogachiel River Bridge; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation has considered the requests from the Barker family and the City of Forks and has concluded that it is highly appropriate to name the bridge which replaced the one that Russ Barker was trying to save in his honor; and

WHEREAS, The Transportation Commission may designate a structure as a memorial in appropriate circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Washington State Senate hereby requests that the Transportation Commission rename the Bogachiel River Bridge on State Route 101 as the Russell Barker Memorial Bridge in honor of his ultimate sacrifice and to remember his faithful service to the people of the state of Washington.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1995-8657,
adopted by the Senate April 23, 1995.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate