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1 TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE 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 Battleship U.S.S. Missouri (BB 63) is the solitary  
9 identifiable symbol of the end of World War II for both the servicemen  
10 and women who served overseas during that period and the millions of  
11 home front defense workers; and

12 WHEREAS, This intrinsic historical vessel is presently moored on  
13 the mainland of the contiguous states of the union where the majority  
14 of veterans and home front defense workers and their descendants reside  
15 and are economically able to visit and observe the significance of the  
16 U.S.S. Missouri's involvement in ending the most important event of the  
17 20th century; and

18 WHEREAS, The youth of the United States of America, the future  
19 leaders of this republic, will learn from and appreciate the sacrifices  
20 for freedom which the U.S.S. Missouri represents; and

1       WHEREAS, The Missouri on the Mainland Committee (MOM) has been duly  
2 organized and proposes that the Battleship U.S.S. Missouri (BB 63) be  
3 moored at a suitable location on the mainland to provide accessibility  
4 for the majority of the American public to savor a taste of freedom and  
5 their heritage; and

6       WHEREAS, The Washington State legislature supports the actions and  
7 the proposal of the Missouri on the Mainland Committee (MOM);

8       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
9 Congress of the United States of America enact appropriate legislation  
10 to retain the Battleship U.S.S. Missouri (BB 63) at a selected site on  
11 the mainland.

12       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
13 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the  
14 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
15 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
16 State of Washington.

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