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By Representatives Sheldon and Johnson

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1 TO THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

2 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
3 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
4 represent and petition as follows:

5 WHEREAS, It all too often takes a needless tragedy to focus public
6 attention on serious problems that need to be addressed; and

7 WHEREAS, Far too many such tragedies come in the form of fatality
8 accidents on our highways, and clearly point out the need for improved
9 safety on our public roads and highways; and

10 WHEREAS, Just such a tragedy in 1973 focused attention on the need
11 for an overpass at the junction of State Route 101 with the Mud Bay
12 Road at Mud Bay; and

13 WHEREAS, Because of the losses caused in such accidents, it is
14 right and proper that we remember to acknowledge the debt of gratitude
15 we owe to all of those people who unknowingly improved our lives and
16 safety through their sacrifice; and

17 WHEREAS, We owe just such a debt to Lena Hilliard, whose untimely
18 death in 1973, at the junction of Mud Bay Road and State Route 101,
19 focused public attention on the urgent need for the construction of an
20 overpass and other safety improvements at the Mud Bay interchange in
21 order to prevent future needless suffering and loss of life; and

1 WHEREAS, Naming the overpass in her honor is a fitting and proper
2 tribute to Lena Hilliard and to her entire family;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
4 Washington State Transportation Commission name the overpass at Mud Bay
5 after Lena Hilliard.

6 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
7 transmitted to the Washington State Transportation Commission.

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