
ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8001

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By Senators Hargrove, McCaslin, Snyder, Patterson and Oke

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1 TO THE HONORABLE GARY LOCKE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,
2 AND TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND TO THE
3 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, AND TO THE
4 STATE'S VIETNAM VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS:

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, In 1984, legislation was enacted authorizing the design
9 and placement of a memorial on the Capitol campus honoring Washington
10 state residents who died or are missing-in-action- in the southeast
11 Asia theater of operations; and

12 WHEREAS, This memorial, commonly known as the Vietnam memorial, was
13 dedicated in May 1987, and was almost totally paid for from many
14 private contributions; and

15 WHEREAS, There are over eleven hundred names engraved on the
16 memorial representing those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their
17 country; and

18 WHEREAS, Joel Dean Smith, deceased spouse of Boneita Smith, who
19 sustained massive war-related injuries that resulted in the amputation
20 of both legs at the hip and who suffered physically and emotionally for
21 over twenty years is representative of many thousands of Washington

1 state residents who have died and will die from war-related injuries
2 received in the southeast Asia theater of operations; and

3 WHEREAS, The pain, suffering, and above all courage of these
4 Washington state residents should be recognized and honored;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
6 Governor of the State of Washington, in consultation with the Director
7 of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Director of the Department
8 of General Administration, and the state's Vietnam veterans
9 organizations, have placed upon the southeast Asia memorial a plaque
10 honoring those veterans who died from war-related injuries received in
11 the southeast Asia theater of operations.

12 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this memorial be immediately
13 transmitted to the honorable Gary Locke, Governor of the State of
14 Washington, the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the
15 Director of the Department of General Administration, and the state's
16 Vietnam veterans organizations.

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