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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND 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:

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, Throughout our history, America has seen many challenges
9 to freedom and liberty; and

10 WHEREAS, In response to those challenges, many heroes and patriots
11 have emerged; and

12 WHEREAS, Paul Revere bravely galloped through the night of April
13 18, 1775, to notify his township that the Red Coats were coming; and

14 WHEREAS, Revere's actions prepared the town for success against
15 Great Britain and its prime objective to still the voice of the people,
16 disarm them, and make them more servile; and

17 WHEREAS, Revere's actions gave our new nation a chance for freedom
18 and liberty; and

19 WHEREAS, The anniversary of the famous ride of Paul Revere is
20 marked in history by Patriot's Day on April 19th; and

1 WHEREAS, The tragic events of September 11th were without a doubt
2 the most significant challenge of all to America's freedom and liberty;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The brave and immediate actions of rescue workers saved
5 many lives, and in so doing, compromised their own; and

6 WHEREAS, The selfless actions of recovery workers, blood donors,
7 and financial contributors in response to this tragedy exemplify our
8 nation's solidarity and unity; and

9 WHEREAS, The frequent and proud display of the American flag
10 demonstrates the overwhelming strength our citizens have shown in
11 response to the most recent challenge to American freedom and liberty;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, These responses have resulted in the emergence of a nation
14 ripe with modern day heroes and patriots;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
16 and the President approve the resurrection of Patriot's Day to now be
17 observed annually on September 11th;

18 BE IT RESOLVED, That Patriot's Day never again be treated as a
19 normal day, but as a day to reflect with family and coworkers on the
20 challenges to our nation's freedom and liberty, and an opportunity to
21 pay tribute to our nation's heroes and patriots, past and present; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
23 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
24 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
25 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
26 Washington.

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