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1 Beginning on page 1, after line 1, strike all material through  
2 "Washington." on page 3, line 10, and insert "AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
3 THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE  
4 SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS  
5 ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE:

6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
8 represent and petition as follows:

9 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense's military installations in  
10 Washington State play a vital role in the defense of the United States  
11 of America and its citizens and residents, both by providing a power  
12 projection platform ideally situated geographically and by providing  
13 leadership within the military through innovation in transformational  
14 efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, The military installations in Washington State are  
16 striving to perform their current missions as efficiently and  
17 effectively as possible and to improve their ability to contribute to  
18 the defense of the nation for the long term; and

19 WHEREAS, The majority of major conflicts of the 20th century have  
20 been in or around the Pacific Ocean, including World War II, the Korean  
21 War, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi  
22 Freedom, and the emerging threats of the 21st century are in that same  
23 area; and

24 WHEREAS, Each of the military installations in Washington performs  
25 vital strategic functions, including the only homeport for Trident  
26 Ballistic Missile Submarines on the Pacific Coast, the only torpedo  
27 manufacturing facility in the nation, the only deep draft military  
28 shipyard on the Pacific Coast, a major base for C-17 aircraft, the sole  
29 Air Force Survival School in the nation, the only major Army  
30 installation west of the Rocky mountains capable of large scale troop  
31 deployment, and the base with the highest number of VFR flying days of  
32 any Naval Air Station in the United States; and

1       WHEREAS, Washington State has an excellent working relationship at  
2 both the state and local level with each of the military installations,  
3 demonstrated in part by the numerous partnerships among the military  
4 and local governments and private and nonprofit sectors in providing  
5 services to both military and civilian personnel, by involvement of  
6 military installations in state and local land use, transportation and  
7 other planning, and by the ongoing community support to the military  
8 personnel and their families; and

9       WHEREAS, The military's presence, in all forms, contributes greatly  
10 to the economy, security, and social fabric of Washington State as one  
11 of the largest employers in the state, a significant purchaser of  
12 goods, services, and construction from the private sector, and a source  
13 of leadership in state, local, and community organizations; and

14       WHEREAS, Washington State consistently provides a high quality of  
15 life to military personnel stationed in our state, evidenced by the  
16 large number of terminal postings to bases in Washington State,  
17 additionally, our state benefits from the large number of skilled and  
18 talented military personnel and their families who remain in or return  
19 to Washington after leaving active duty; and

20       WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature recognizes the importance  
21 of the Department of Defense's military installations within Washington  
22 State, both to the defense of the United States and the vitality of  
23 Washington as an economy and a people;

24       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
25 President, Congress, and the Department of Defense will recognize the  
26 strategic importance of these bases to our nation's security and not  
27 make them victims of this round of the Base Realignment and Closure  
28 process.

29       Your Memorialists further pray that the military facilities in  
30 Washington state will continue to serve in the defense of our nation  
31 for many years to come.

32       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
33 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
34 States, the Secretary of the Department of Defense, the President of  
35 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
36 and each member of Congress from the State of Washington."

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