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By Representatives Woods, Cox, Hankins, Clements, Pearson, McDonald, Haler, Skinner, Armstrong, McCune, Curtis, Bailey, Alexander, Sump, Hinkle, Priest, Kretz, Orcutt, Condotta, Schindler, Ahern, DeBolt, Shabro, Newhouse, Serben, Strow, Nixon and Buck

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1            TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS B. MACDONALD, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION,  
2            AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE  
3            WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

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

7            WHEREAS, Ruth Fisher represented the 27th legislative district in  
8            the Washington State House of Representatives from 1982 to 2002; and

9            WHEREAS, Ruth Fisher served as chairwoman of the House  
10            Transportation Committee and was known for her legendary knowledge of  
11            the Washington transportation system and quick wit; and

12            WHEREAS, Ruth Fisher was a passionate advocate for funding all  
13            aspects of transportation including highways, ferries, freight mobility  
14            and multimodal transportation, and was known as the mother of Sound  
15            Transit; and

16            WHEREAS, Bob Oke has represented the 26th legislative district in  
17            the Washington State Senate since 1990; and

18            WHEREAS, Bob Oke is a long-time member of the Senate Transportation  
19            Committee and serves as the ranking minority member of the Senate  
20            Natural Resources, Ocean and Recreation Committee; and

1       WHEREAS, Bob Oke has strenuously advocated for improving vehicle  
2 access to the 26th legislative district and the rest of the Kitsap  
3 Peninsula; and

4       WHEREAS, Ruth Fisher and Bob Oke together provided much of the  
5 impetus for the construction of the second span of the Tacoma Narrows  
6 Bridge;

7       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that the  
8 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to  
9 rename the Tacoma Narrows Bridge the Fisher/Oke Bridge.

10       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
11 transmitted to the Honorable Douglas MacDonald, Secretary of  
12 Transportation, the Washington State Transportation Commission, and the  
13 Washington State Department of Transportation.

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