
SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8013

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By Senators Berkey, Schmidt and Shin

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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, Mr. William P. Stewart (12/9/1839 - 12/11/1907) of
8 Snohomish served bravely during the Civil War, volunteering to fight in
9 the 29th Colored Infantry; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Stewart and his fellow soldiers faced
11 horrible odds, with one in three becoming casualties during the war;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Stewart, while fighting with General
14 William Smith's 18th Corps, saw almost daily combat at the front; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Stewart and his fellow soldiers from black
16 regiments fought hard and suffered the greatest rates of wounds and
17 death, yet saw little recognition after the war; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Stewart was a farmer before he volunteered
19 for combat, and married Elizabeth Thorton and became a highly respected
20 pioneer in the city of Snohomish; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Stewart lived on a farm south of town, his
2 house still standing, and died on December 11, 1907; and

3 WHEREAS, It is in the interests of the State of Washington to
4 recognize Mr. William P. Stewart's bravery and sacrifices;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
6 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name
7 State Route 99 in Snohomish county the "William P. Stewart Memorial
8 Highway."

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

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