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**By** Representatives VanDeWege, Kessler, Rodne, Lias, Takko, Hurst, Jacks, Hasegawa, Kelley, Eddy, Seaquist, McCoy, Appleton, Hudgins, Morrell, Hope, Sullivan, and Nelson

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1            TO THE HONORABLE PAULA HAMMOND, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO  
2 THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON  
3 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, Operation Desert Shield began on August 7, 1990, after  
8 Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard and Army invaded the kingdom of  
9 Kuwait on August 2, 1990; and

10           WHEREAS, Between August 7, 1990, and February 28, 1991, United  
11 States forces engaged in Operation Desert Shield, the Battle of Bubiyan  
12 Island, the Battle of Medina Ridge, the Battle of Wadi al-Batin, the  
13 Battle of Norfolk, the Battle of Khafji, the Battle of 73 Easting, the  
14 Battle of Al Busayyah, the Battle of Phase Line Bullet, and Operation  
15 Desert Storm; and

16           WHEREAS, More than two million three hundred thousand Americans  
17 served during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, one hundred  
18 forty-seven Americans were killed in action during that time, four  
19 hundred sixty-seven were wounded, and forty-one were prisoners of war;  
20 and

1           WHEREAS, Eight Washington state residents were killed in action  
2 between August 1990 and February 1991, who were Lee Arthur Belas,  
3 Sergeant, U.S. Army, Port Orchard, Doran Hilaire Bolduc, U.S. Navy,  
4 Monroe, Ardon Bradley Cooper, PFC, U.S. Army, Seattle, Joshua John  
5 Fleming, Private, U.S. Army, Kent, Eric Douglas Hedeem, First  
6 Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force, Malaga, Dustin Craig Lamoureaux, PFC, U.S.  
7 Army, Bremerton, Michael Neal Monroe, First Lieutenant, U.S. Marine  
8 Corps, Auburn, John Kendall Morgan, WO1, U.S. Navy, Bellevue; and

9           WHEREAS, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm ceased on  
10 February 28, 1991, with a unilateral cease fire called by the Allies;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, It is appropriate to honor the service and sacrifice of  
13 Washington state Desert Shield and Desert Storm veterans who served in  
14 that war with such valor and distinction;

15           NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
16 Washington state transportation commission commence proceedings to name  
17 state route number 110 in Clallam county between the junction of state  
18 route number 101 and the junction of state route number 110 by and  
19 through the Quinault Indian reservation in the community of La Push the  
20 "Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial Highway" to honor  
21 the service and sacrifices of all who served in that war.

22           BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this memorial be immediately  
23 transmitted to the Honorable Paula Hammond, Secretary of  
24 Transportation, the Washington State Transportation Commission, and the  
25 Washington State Department of Transportation.

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