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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8007**

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**By** Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Tom, Oemig, and Jarrett)

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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, On June 22, 2007, Kollin Nielson tragically lost his life  
8 due to a drunk driving incident while working on the state Department  
9 of Transportation's Interstate 405 Kirkland Project in support of the  
10 citizens of Washington; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Nielson was thirty years old and an employee of Kiewit  
12 Pacific Construction Company. He was Project Engineer over the  
13 grading, drainage, and paving work, which included many critical  
14 operations such as surveying, erosion control, traffic control, and  
15 subcontractor coordination. He was a critical part of the construction  
16 team; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Nielson is survived by his wife, Sara, and his young  
18 son; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Nielson grew up on a farm in Eastern Washington, where  
20 his parents instilled in him a great work ethic. He was deeply

1 committed to his faith and very active in his church, no matter where  
2 his career took him. These virtues were very evident in the way Mr.  
3 Nielson lived his life. He worked hard, played hard, and always  
4 treated everyone with the utmost respect, dignity, and honesty;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
6 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name  
7 the NE 116th Street overcrossing of Interstate 405 in Kirkland the  
8 "Kollin Nielson Memorial Bridge."

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

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