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1 TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

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

8 WHEREAS, Serving in the military is one of the greatest privileges
9 and most honorable accomplishments one can strive for in life; and

10 WHEREAS, Americans serving in the military willingly dedicate their
11 all to defend the Constitution and protect the United States regardless
12 of the consequences; and

13 WHEREAS, Since the Revolutionary War, more than one million members
14 of the United States military, both men and women, have made the
15 ultimate sacrifice in wars and conflicts by giving their lives in the
16 line of duty to preserve our lives, our liberties, and our pursuits of
17 happiness; and

18 WHEREAS, Our men and women in the military have the courage, the
19 intelligence, the strength, and the love of country to serve and
20 sacrifice everything, if necessary, to help make this world a better

1 place and to make sure that the United States and its people are safe
2 from terrorists and any other threats of aggression that rise up
3 against our country; and

4 WHEREAS, The people support our American soldiers and wish to
5 express their love, respect, and appreciation for all our active
6 military members and our veterans for all they do and have done on our
7 behalf; and

8 WHEREAS, In the past 200 years, there has never been an official
9 national symbol that recognizes our gratitude and admiration for the
10 ultimate sacrifice made by members of the United States military in
11 service to our nation; and

12 WHEREAS, There are certain things that bind us and transcend the
13 generations, and one such thing of paramount importance is the service
14 and sacrifice of those fallen members of our Armed Forces who are
15 deserving of national recognition; and

16 WHEREAS, We feel constrained to honor these heroes with a symbol to
17 remind us daily that they should not be forgotten and that says, "Thank
18 you for all you have done for us"; and

19 WHEREAS, It is imperative that we create, establish, and promote a
20 nationally recognized flag that will fly continuously as a visible
21 reminder to all Americans of the lives lost in defense of our national
22 freedoms; and

23 WHEREAS, In the 111th Congress, HR 1034, a Congressional proposal
24 to amend Chapter 9 of Title 36 of the United States Code, was
25 introduced to designate the "Honor and Remember Flag" as an official
26 symbol to recognize members of our Armed Forces who have died in the
27 line of duty; and

28 WHEREAS, A bill that is the same as or similar to HR 1034 is to be
29 introduced in the 112th Congress to designate the "Honor and Remember
30 Flag" as an official symbol to recognize members of our Armed Forces
31 who have died in the line of duty; and

32 WHEREAS, The "Honor and Remember Flag" will commemorate all
33 individuals from all wars or conflicts involving the United States who
34 died while serving our nation, not only those killed in action, but all
35 who have died while serving their term of duty; and

36 WHEREAS, The "Honor and Remember Flag" will serve as a daily
37 reminder for all Americans to acknowledge the ultimate price of freedom

1 and will give comfort to the families who have lost loved ones during
2 military service; and

3 WHEREAS, The "Honor and Remember Flag" will stand as a symbol of
4 national gratitude for the hundreds of thousands of American men and
5 women who bravely made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the liberty,
6 peace, security, and prosperity we now enjoy; and

7 WHEREAS, The "Honor and Remember Flag" will help give closure to
8 the thousands of families that deserve recognition for the sacrifice of
9 a lost loved one and will be a nationally and internationally
10 recognized reminder to all Americans and the world of the value of each
11 individual life given for freedom;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the Senate
13 and House of Representatives of the United States enact a bill that is
14 the same as or similar to HR 1034 from the 111th Congress to create an
15 "Honor and Remember Flag" to serve as a national symbol and that the
16 President of the United States sign such a bill into law in order to
17 establish a permanent national flag to fly continuously in eternal
18 honor and remembrance of those who have given their lives in military
19 service for our nation; and

20 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
21 transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United
22 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
24 Washington.

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