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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Hayes, Seaquist, MacEwen, Rodne, Orwall, Zeiger, and Shea)

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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, The Purple Heart medal is the oldest military medal or  
8 decoration presented by the United States to a member of the armed  
9 services, dating to 1782 when General George Washington originally  
10 created the medal as the Badge of Military Merit; and

11 WHEREAS, The Purple Heart medal is presented to those members of  
12 the armed services who are wounded in combat or killed in action; and

13 WHEREAS, Since the commencement of World War II, the Purple Heart  
14 medal has been presented to more than 500,000 members of the armed  
15 services who have been killed in action, and to almost 1,000,000 men  
16 and women wounded in combat; and

17 WHEREAS, A high percentage of those killed in action or wounded in  
18 combat are or were residents of Washington State who served with  
19 distinction; and

1       WHEREAS, The Purple Heart Trail is a symbolic and honorary system  
2 of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that provide a tribute  
3 to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. The  
4 Purple Heart Trail creates a visual reminder to those who use the  
5 roads, highways, and bridges that others have paid a high price for  
6 their freedom to live and travel in a free society;

7       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
8 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name  
9 some or all of Interstate 5 from the Canadian border to the Oregon  
10 state line the "Purple Heart Trail" to honor the service and sacrifices  
11 of all who have been killed in action or wounded in combat.

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

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