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By Representatives Muri, Kraft, and Young

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1 TO THE HONORABLE DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF
5 TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION
6 COMMISSION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

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

10 WHEREAS, Thousands of United States military veterans live and
11 work near and travel through the South Sound region on Interstate 5
12 (I-5); and

13 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Veterans
14 Affairs, 593,350 veterans currently reside in Washington state; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of
16 America, there are 2.4 million veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan
17 conflicts nationwide; and

18 WHEREAS, Veterans from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Bangor Sub Base,
19 Bremerton Naval Station, and others served honorably in the Iraq and
20 Afghanistan conflicts, some of whom died or were injured during the
21 14 to 16 years of ongoing operations there; and

22 WHEREAS, The Brown Farm Road Northeast bridge at exit 114 over
23 I-5 is currently unnamed; and

1 WHEREAS, Signage in the vicinity of the bridge at exit 114 over
2 I-5 would be a visible display of honor and gratitude for active
3 duty, former, and retired veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan
4 conflicts and their families; and

5 WHEREAS, We recognize that these veterans protected our freedom
6 with their duty, honor, and selfless service; and

7 WHEREAS, This signage would also serve as a reminder to motorists
8 of the sacrifices made by service members of the Army, Navy, Marine
9 Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard assigned to various military bases
10 worldwide and in the Evergreen state; and

11 WHEREAS, This recognition is merely a small way of saying, "Thank
12 you for your service";

13 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
14 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to
15 name the Brown Farm Road Northeast bridge at exit 114 over I-5, the
16 "Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans Bridge," with permanent signage in the
17 vicinity of the bridges.

18 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
19 transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United
20 States, the Secretary of Transportation, the Washington State
21 Transportation Commission, the Washington State Department of
22 Transportation, the President of the United States Senate, the
23 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress
24 from the State of Washington.

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