
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4019

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Muri, Kraft, and Young)

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1 TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE
2 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
3 TRANSPORTATION:

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

7 WHEREAS, The United States' involvement in World War I extended
8 from April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and

9 WHEREAS, November 11, 2018, marks the centennial anniversary of
10 Armistice Day; and

11 WHEREAS, Nearly 60,617 Washingtonians served in military uniform
12 during the "War to End All Wars" and 1,642 lost their lives during
13 the conflict; and

14 WHEREAS, Volunteers started a military training camp at American
15 Lake to encourage citizen readiness for the war in Europe, leading to
16 the construction in 1917 of Tacoma's Camp Lewis, which later became
17 Fort Lewis and then Joint Base Lewis-McChord; and

18 WHEREAS, The South Tacoma Way bridge at exit 127 over I-5 is
19 currently unnamed; and

20 WHEREAS, Signage in the vicinity of the bridge at exit 127 over
21 I-5 would be a visible display of honor and gratitude to those
22 members of the armed forces who served in World War I; and

1 WHEREAS, We owe a great debt of gratitude to those members of the
2 armed forces who lost their lives in that war, and also those who
3 served and aided in carrying out their duties to the ultimate
4 victory;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
6 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to
7 name the South Tacoma Way bridge at exit 127 over I-5, the "World War
8 I Veterans Memorial Bridge," with permanent signage in the vicinity
9 of the bridge.

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

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