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**State of Washington 68th Legislature 2023 Regular Session**

**By** Senator J. Wilson

TO THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE HONORABLE ROGER MILLAR, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

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

WHEREAS, Justin R. Schaffer was a resident of Lewis County since 2006, who graduated from Adna High School, was a husband, son, and a colleague; and

WHEREAS, Justin R. Schaffer attended Centralia College and graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Justin R. Schaffer graduated with the 103rd Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned in September 2014; in 2016, became a Drug Recognition Expert; this training lead to gaining a partner in the form of narcotics K9 Frankie in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Justin R. Schaffer was fatally struck by a vehicle while attempting to deploy spike strips to stop a fleeing armed robbery suspect on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Justin R. Schaffer will forever be remembered for his dedication, humility, and as a courageous public servant;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to designate the section of state route number 6 that traverses Lewis County from milepost 45 to milepost 51 as the Washington State Patrol Trooper Justin R. Schaffer memorial highway.

BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Washington State Transportation Commission, the

Honorable Roger Millar, Secretary of Transportation, and the Washington State Department of Transportation.