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By Representatives Orcutt, Walsh, McEntire, Abbarno, Christian, and McClintock

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1 TO THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE
2 HONORABLE ROGER MILLAR, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE
3 WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF 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, Justin DeRosier was a fourth generation resident of
8 Cowlitz County, who graduated from Kelso High School, and was an
9 exemplary husband, father, and son; and

10 WHEREAS, Justin DeRosier attended Washington State University and
11 graduated with a degree in criminal justice (Go Cougs!); and

12 WHEREAS, Justin DeRosier had been a member of the Whitman County
13 Washington Sheriff's Office; the Oakesdale, Washington Police
14 Department; the Bristol Bay Borough, Alaska Police Department; and
15 most recently the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Department where he
16 dedicatedly and cheerfully served his community as a patrol deputy,
17 SWAT officer, and boat operator; and

18 WHEREAS, Deputy Justin DeRosier was fatally shot while on duty
19 protecting the people of Cowlitz County on April 13, 2019, in Kalama;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The community mourns the loss of this young, vibrant law
22 enforcement officer and does not want to forget his selfless service;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
2 Washington transportation commission commence proceedings to
3 designate the section of Interstate 5 that traverses Cowlitz County
4 from milepost 20.3 to 57.13 as the Cowlitz County Deputy Sheriff
5 Justin DeRosier memorial highway.

6 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
7 transmitted to the Washington State Transportation Commission and the
8 Honorable Roger Millar, Secretary of the Washington State Department
9 of Transportation, and the Washington State Department of
10 Transportation.

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