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

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

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a pivotal figure in
9 American history and the Civil Rights Movement, advocating for
10 justice, equality, and nonviolent protest in the face of systemic
11 racism and discrimination; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. King's leadership and commitment to social justice
13 helped to end segregation, secure voting rights, and promote civil
14 liberties for all citizens, leaving a lasting legacy of equality and
15 human rights; and

16 WHEREAS, The extension of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way is a symbol
17 of the community and unity of the surrounding communities, and is an
18 appropriate way to honor the life and contributions of Dr. King;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
20 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to
21 extend the naming of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, as a memorial to
22 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., along state route number 900 from the
23 westerly city limits of Renton to the junction with state route

1 number 515, and then continuing the entirety of state route number
2 515 between the junction with state route number 900 and the junction
3 with state route number 516.

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

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