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**By** Representatives Chandler, Grant, Condotta, Newhouse, Clements,  
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1            TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, 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 THE  
4            UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE HONORABLE GARY LOCKE,  
5            GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, AND TO THE HONORABLE PEOPLE OF THE  
6            STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

10           WHEREAS, The United States and France have been allies and friends  
11           for many years; and

12           WHEREAS, France through the Louisiana Purchase sold to the United  
13           States 828,000 square miles of land for \$15 million; and

14           WHEREAS, France has dominated the world of wine for centuries and  
15           is still the number 1 seller, with \$6.5 billion in sales in 2001; and

16           WHEREAS, In 2001, the United States allowed France to export  
17           106,731,000 liters of French wine to America worth \$828,714,000; and

18           WHEREAS, In 2001, the United States allowed France to export 65  
19           million gallons of water to America; and

1       WHEREAS, Washington is located at about the same latitudes as  
2 Burgundy and Bordeaux in France; and

3       WHEREAS, Washington state currently ranks second in the United  
4 States in total premium wine production with more than 29,000 acres  
5 planted to vinifera grapes, producing an expected 97,500 tons in 2001,  
6 with finished goods representing over 11 million gallons of wine and  
7 over 4 million cases of wine with a total retail value of over \$700  
8 million; and

9       WHEREAS, International cooperation is essential in the war on  
10 terrorism and in preventing the proliferation and use of weapons of  
11 mass destruction; and

12       WHEREAS, Iraq under Saddam Hussein has supported terrorism and  
13 developed and used weapons of mass destruction; and

14       WHEREAS, Iraq is not currently in compliance with United Nations  
15 resolutions concerning weapons of mass destruction; and

16       WHEREAS, Iraq poses both a terrorist and military threat to the  
17 United States and the world because it is not in compliance with United  
18 Nations resolutions concerning weapons of mass destruction; and

19       WHEREAS, As a member of the United Nations Security Council, France  
20 has opposed United States leadership in leading an international  
21 coalition to force Iraq to comply with United Nations Security Council  
22 resolutions concerning weapons of mass destruction;

23       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that you take  
24 immediate action to do all you can within your respective offices and  
25 jurisdictions to ensure that the people and companies of the state of  
26 Washington and of all the United States of America:

27       (1) Completely refrain from buying, selling, giving, or consuming  
28 French waters and wines as long as France continues its unreasonable  
29 and ungrateful opposition to the potential use of force to ensure  
30 Saddam Hussein complies with United Nations resolutions concerning  
31 weapons of mass destruction; and

32       (2) Enthusiastically participate in buying, selling, giving, and  
33 consuming Washington waters and wines, other domestic waters and wines,  
34 and imported waters and wines that come from our friends who support  
35 America in its endeavors to preserve and protect the American people  
36 and all the peoples of the world through the potential use of force to  
37 ensure Saddam Hussein complies with United Nations resolutions  
38 concerning weapons of mass destruction.

1       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
2 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
3 States, the Honorable Gary Locke, Governor of the State of Washington,  
4 all Washington state liquor stores and all Washington wine  
5 distributors, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
6 the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
7 State of Washington. A copy of this Memorial shall be immediately  
8 posted on the Capitol Campus for all the people of the state of  
9 Washington to observe.

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