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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 PAULA
5 HAMMOND, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE
6 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
7 TRANSPORTATION:

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

11 WHEREAS, Bob Oke was born on September 4, 1940, and spent his life
12 enjoying the great state of Washington, being born in Spokane and
13 raised in West Seattle; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Oke joined the Navy immediately after graduating from
15 high school and served his country honorably for twenty-six years,
16 reaching the rank of senior chief petty officer before his retirement;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Bob Oke was elected to the Washington State Senate in 1990
19 and served the twenty-sixth district with integrity, honor, and dignity
20 throughout his sixteen years of service; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob Oke was an avid outdoorsman who particularly enjoyed
2 fishing and pheasant hunting and worked hard to improve these
3 activities for future generations; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Oke's vision and tenacity made possible the
5 construction of a new Tacoma Narrows bridge that will serve the
6 residents of his district and the entire state of Washington for
7 generations; and

8 WHEREAS, Bob Oke's life will always be remembered by those who knew
9 him for his integrity, honor, humility, faith, and unshakable optimism;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Oke devoted his love to Mrs. Oke, his beloved wife,
12 best friend, and companion for thirty-one wonderful years, and together
13 they devoted their life to their family of 3 daughters, 1 son, and 9
14 grandchildren;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
16 Washington State Transportation Commission name the new Tacoma Narrows
17 bridge the Bob Oke bridge.

18 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
19 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
20 States, the Honorable Paula Hammond, Secretary of Transportation, the
21 Washington State Transportation Commission, the Washington State
22 Department of Transportation, the President of the United States
23 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of
24 Congress from the State of Washington.

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