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By Representatives Dunshee, Santos, Stanford, Wylie, S. Hunt, Tharinger, Ortiz-Self, Fitzgibbon, Sells, Ryu, Walkinshaw, Kagi, Peterson, Hudgins, Robinson, and Bergquist

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1            TO THE HONORABLE LYNN PETERSON, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND  
2 TO THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, 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, Mr. William P. Stewart (12/9/1839 - 12/11/1907) of  
8 Snohomish served bravely during the Civil War after he volunteered  
9 for service in the 29th U.S. Colored Infantry Company; and

10           WHEREAS, That military unit suffered enormous losses during the  
11 war, with one out of three soldiers becoming casualties; and

12           WHEREAS, Stewart fought with Gen. William Smith's 18th Corps,  
13 which saw almost daily combat as it battled near Petersburg,  
14 Virginia; and

15           WHEREAS, During that battle, Stewart and his division charged  
16 forward to capture two hundred Confederate prisoners, four cannons  
17 with horses, and ammunition; and

18           WHEREAS, Stewart was a farmer before he volunteered for combat  
19 and a respected pioneer of the town of Snohomish after the war, but  
20 he and his fellow soldiers received little recognition for their  
21 bravery and sacrifice; and

1       WHEREAS, Stewart married Elizabeth Thorton and became a highly  
2 respected pioneer in the city of Snohomish, where his house is still  
3 standing; and

4       WHEREAS, Stewart is buried in the Grand Army of the Republic  
5 cemetery in Snohomish along with two hundred other civil war veterans  
6 who founded the cemetery; and

7       WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the State of Washington to  
8 finally recognize its citizens who volunteered and served bravely in  
9 the defense of our union;

10       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
11 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to  
12 name State Route Number 99 the "William P. Stewart Memorial Highway."

13       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
14 transmitted to the Honorable Lynn Peterson, Secretary of  
15 Transportation, the Washington State Transportation Commission, and  
16 the Washington State Department of Transportation.

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