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1 TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE
2 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
3 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 Regiment; 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 demonstrated tremendous courage and dedication
13 to the cause of liberty by volunteering to serve as an African-
14 American during the Civil War; and

15 WHEREAS, Stewart served honorably during the closing days of the
16 war and during its aftermath in Texas, where Stewart and his unit
17 were deployed in response to instability in Mexico due to French
18 intervention; and

19 WHEREAS, Stewart was a farmer before he volunteered for combat
20 and a respected pioneer of the town of Snohomish after the war, but
21 he and his fellow soldiers received little recognition for their
22 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 Secretary of Transportation, the Washington State
15 Transportation Commission, and the Washington State Department of
16 Transportation.

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