

RESOLUTION NO. 714

WHEREAS, Richard D. Ford was born in Seattle, Washington and grew up in Spokane, Washington, married Nancy H. Panchot on July 12, 1952 and together had three children, Kevin A., Paul A. and Christopher D. Ford; and

WHEREAS, Richard D. Ford served as a member of the Transportation Commission from 2006 to 2012, including three years as Chairman and two years as Vice-Chairman and also served on numerous other public bodies, such as the Connecting Washington Task Force, the Puget Sound Tolling Implementation Committee, and the Puget Sound Regional Council's Executive Board, leaving a significant imprint on our state's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Richard D. Ford attended Washington State University and Georgetown University, served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Washington, and had a distinguished career centered in Olympia and Seattle, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the long and stellar career of Richard D. Ford included: working for the Port of Seattle for seventeen years, during which he served as the Executive Director from 1977 – 1985; serving as Senior Counsel, Chairman and Partner at the KL Gates Law Firm from 1985 – 2012; chairing the Growth Strategies Commission from 1989- 1990 that led to enactment of the Growth Management Act; and serving as a long-time trusted advisor to many state leaders throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Richard D. Ford received a number of awards honoring his service including: Puget Sound Maritime Man of the Year; the Silver Knight of Management Award of the National Management Association; the Berkley-Burrell Award for assistance to minority business; the WSU Alumni Achievement Award; the WSU Foundation Outstanding Service Award; and the Outstanding Citizens Award of the Seattle-King County Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Transportation Commission, Richard D. Ford's leadership and wisdom forged a valuable and independent course for the Commission as a forum for statewide transportation policy development; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and wisdom of Richard D. Ford built consensus among state leaders on critical transportation topics such as tolling, revenue generation, and innovative approaches to financing our state's transportation needs; and

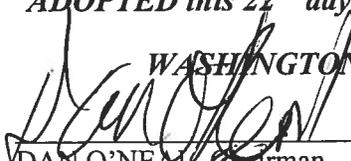
WHEREAS, in recognition of his many accomplishments, his selfless leadership, unwavering statesmanship, and relentless perseverance and optimism in the face of challenge and adversity, Governor Christine Gregoire proclaimed December 11, 2012, Richard D. Ford Day"; and

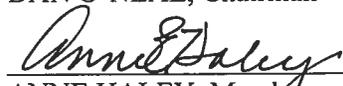
WHEREAS, this Commission and the State of Washington will sorely miss our friend, mentor, and leader Richard D. Ford, who left this earth on Sunday, May 5, 2013;

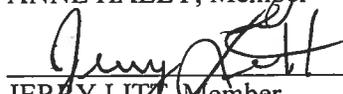
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Transportation Commission expresses to Richard D. Ford's wife, Nancy Ford, and the entire Ford family, its gratitude and deep appreciation for sharing their caring and loving husband, father, and grandfather with the State of Washington, and whose generosity, wisdom and leadership will forever leave a mark on our hearts.

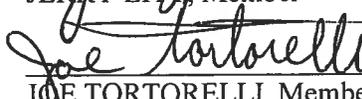
ADOPTED this 22nd day of May, 2013.

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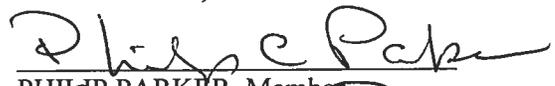

DAN O'NEAL, Chairman

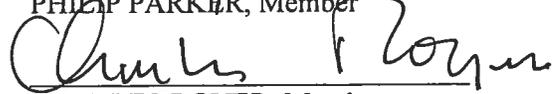

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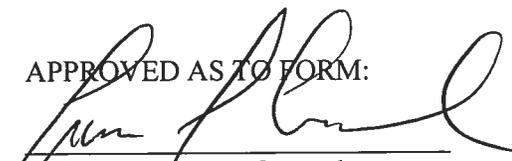

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