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WHEREAS, Thomas S. "Tom" Foley, a native of Spokane, Washington, represented the 5th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives for 30 years from 1965 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, His decency and integrity gained him the respect of his colleagues, and he rose steadily through the ranks of leadership in the House of Representatives culminating in his election as Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1989, the first member of Congress from west of the Rocky Mountains to hold that exalted constitutional position; and

WHEREAS, He presided over the House of Representatives with dignity and fairness, solving problems with compromise and conciliation and winning the admiration of allies and opponents; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Foley was appointed as the 25th United States Ambassador to Japan by President Bill Clinton and served as ambassador from 1997 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Foley was awarded the Washington State Medal of Merit in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Foley secured over two hundred eighty-nine million dollars in federal funds for U.S. Highway 395 during his time in Congress, increasing the safety and mobility of people and freight between population centers in eastern Washington; and

WHEREAS, the sixty-fourth Legislature passed House Joint Memorial 4002 requesting the Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to designate U.S. Highway 395 the Thomas S. "Tom" Foley Memorial Highway to honor his service to Washington State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington State Transportation Commission designates U.S. Highway 395 from the border with Canada to the border with Oregon as the Thomas S. "Tom" Foley Memorial Highway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Transportation Commission requests the Department of Transportation provide signing reflecting this naming designation.

ADOPTED this 20th of June 2018.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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