Fallen Hero’s Project

Washington State Trooper Thomas Hendrickson

Skagit County Deputy Alan Hultgren
Proposal

To rename a section of Highway 20 in Skagit County for both Trooper Hendrickson and Deputy Hultgren

Submitted by the Washington State Patrol and the Skagit County Sheriff's Office on the behalf of family and friends

We have an opportunity to recognize two law enforcement officers who lost their lives while in service in Skagit County, by renaming a section of Highway 20 for each man, in their honor.
On Sunday, November 17, 1974, Trooper Tom Hendrickson of the Washington State Patrol conducted a traffic stop on SR-20 in Mount Vernon when a vehicle traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes crossed over the center line and struck him. The suspect was arrested for driving while intoxicated and found to have a .12 BAC. Trooper Hendrickson had served almost four years with the Washington State Patrol. He is survived by his wife and two children.
We are asking the Washington State Transportation Commission to consider renaming a section of Highway 20 to honor Trooper Hendrickson. The specific area of Highway 20 would be from milepost 52, just east of the Duane Berentson Bridge and to milepost 59, which is the western city limits of the town of Burlington.
On Friday, August 7, 1981, Skagit County Deputy Alan Hultgren was struck head-on by a drunk driver and killed on Highway 20, about four miles west of Marblemount. Deputy Hultgren was responding to an injury collision at the time of the incident. Deputy Hultgren served the Skagit County Sheriff’s Office for four years. He is survived by his wife and family.
We are asking the Washington State Transportation Commission to consider renaming a section of Highway 20 to honor Deputy Hultgren. The specific area of Highway 20 would be from milepost 90, just east of the town of Concrete and to milepost 105, which is the western city limits of the town of Marblemount.
Letters of Support

Former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates

Skagit County Board of Commissioners:
Lisa Janicki
Ron Wesen
Ken Dahlstedt

Local Mayors:
Anacortes Mayor Gere
Burlington Mayor Steve Sexton
Concrete Mayor Jason Miller
Hamilton Mayor Joan Cromley & Town Council
Mount Vernon Mayor Jill Boudreau
Sedro Woolley Mayor Julia Johnson
La Conner Mayor Ramon Hayes
Lyman Mayor Edward Hills

Washington State Legislators:
Senator Liz Lovelett
Senator Keith Wagoner
Representative Carolyn Eslick
Representative Robert Sutherland
Representative Dave Paul
Letters of Support Continued

**Skagit County Sheriff’s Office:**
Sheriff Gary Frazier (Retired)
Sheriff Will Reichardt (Retired)
Chief Criminal Deputy Harry Hemphill (Retired)
Chief Corrections Deputy Charlie Wend (Retried)
Sergeant Dave Willard (Retired)
Sheriff Don McDermott
Undersheriff Chad Clark
Chief of Field Operations Chris Baldwin
Chief Criminal Deputy Tobin Meyer
Chief Of Administrative Services Annette Lindquist
Chief Corrections Deputy Don Marlow
Corrections Lieutenant Deanna Randall-Secrest
Corrections Guild
Patrol Guild
Support Division Union

**Partner Law Enforcement Organizations:**
Washington State Chief John R. Batiste
Washington State Assistant Chief Jeff Sass
Washington State Patrol Captain Scott McCoy
Anacortes Police Chief John Small
Burlington Police Chief Mike Luvera
Mount Vernon Police Chief Chris Cammock
Mount Vernon Police Chief Stan Sass (Retired)
Oak Harbor Police Chief Kevin Dresker
Sedro Woolley Police Chief Lin Tucker
Sauk-Suiattle Police Chief Sherman Pruitt
Swinomish Police Chief Lou D’Amelio
Upper Skagit Chief Rance Sutten
Whatcom County Sheriff Bill Elfo
Island County Sheriff Rick Felici
San Juan County Sheriff Ron Krebs
Washington State Patrol Trooper’s Association
Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Jared Couch
Letters of Support Continued

**Skagit County Entities:**
- Skagit County Prosecutor Richard Weyrich
- Skagit County EMS Director Josh Pelonio
- Skagit County Public Works Director Dan Berentson
- Skagit 911 Dispatch Helen Rasmussen

**Partner Entities:**
- United General Hospital
- Skagit Regional Health
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- City of Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce

**Civic Groups:**
- Concrete Lions Club
- Mount Vernon Lions Club
- Kiwanis Club of Burlington
- Rotary Club of Burlington
- Rotary Club of La Conner
- Skagit Rotary of Mount Vernon
- Rotary Club of Sedro Woolley
- Soroptimist International of Sedro Woolley

**Fire Departments & Districts:**
- Anacortes Fire Chief Dave Oliveri
- Anacortes Fire Assistant Chief Jack Kennedy
- Mount Vernon Fire Chief Bryan Brice
- Burlington Fire Chief Michael Ganz
- La Conner Fire Chief Aaron Reinstra
- Sedro Woolley Fire Chief Dean Klinger
- Fire District 19 Chief Denton Moore
- Fire District 3 Chief Michael Ray
- Fire District 13 Chief Roy Horn
- Fire District 14 B.O.C. Chris England, Steve Thomas and Chief David Skrinde
- Fire District 8 Chief Rusty Feay
- Fire Chief 6 Chief Paul Wagner

Several Citizen Signatures of Support
MOUNT VERNON — Although they were born about a decade apart, State Patrol Trooper Thomas Hendrickson and Skagit County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Alan Hultgren had much in common: Both were young family men with a passion for their communities who dedicated themselves to law enforcement.

Just a few years into their respective careers, the lives of both men were cut short by suspected drunk drivers on Highway 20 — Hendrickson in 1974 at age 31 and Hultgren in 1981 at age 30.

“Both these men died doing what they loved to do,” Skagit County Sheriff Don McDermott said.

Two Comments from the SVH Article:

• **Grandy Faith** “Honoring them is a great idea ... alas they are not here to receive the honor. “
• “A big question would be what are the costs involved in doing something like this? Changing signage? Does WDOT have nothing more pressing to consider for funds?”

Sheriff Steve Boyer
Trooper Hendrickson was killed shortly after I graduated from the WSP Academy and assigned to Snohomish County. Years later I was part of the “Fatal Squad” which was the precursor to the WSP Investigative Services Division. Early one morning received a call out to investigate Deputy Hultgren’s death. Sad day 🙏
“Our lives were enriched because Al passed this way,” former Sheriff John Boynton said at Hultgren’s funeral.

“We owe them that at the very least,” said state Sen. Keith Wagoner, R-Sedro-Woolley. “And we owe their families. They protect us every day, and they work in a terribly dangerous line of work. This is a simple way to thank their families and let them know that we haven’t forgotten them.”

“I always think it’s important to remember the sacrifice our officers have given,” said State Patrol Capt. Scott McCoy.

“I think that it’s nice to give some permanence to people who have served, and it seemed like a good recognition,” Skagit County Commissioner Lisa Janicki said.
Thank you for your Consideration