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WHEREAS, Washington State has the most glaciers of the contiguous United States; and

WHEREAS, Mount Rainier, the highest peak in the Cascade Range, has a glacier ice cover exceeding that of any other mountain in the contiguous United States; and

WHEREAS, Carbon Glacier on the north slope of Mount Rainier and near the terminus of State Route 165, has the lowest terminus altitude of all glaciers in the contiguous United States; and

WHEREAS, Glaciers are intertwined with Washington State history and a core part of our landscape; and

WHEREAS, the town of Wilkeson, near the terminus of State Route 165, has historically referred to itself as “The Gateway to the Carbon Glacier”, supporting the area’s tourism and outdoor recreation industries and local economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to commemorate the significance of the Carbon Glacier to the State of Washington, the Washington State Transportation Commission designates State Route 165 as “The Carbon Glacier Highway”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission requests that the Washington State Department of Transportation provide signage reflecting this naming designation, as soon as possible.

ADOPTED this 19th day of May, 2021.

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