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**By** Senators Kauffman, Lovelett, Valdez, Wellman, Lias, Orwall, Hasegawa, Frame, Riccelli, Nobles, and Nguyen

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1 TO THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE  
2 HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 TRANSPORTATION, AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
4 TRANSPORTATION:

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled,  
7 respectfully represent and petition as follows:

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a pivotal figure in  
9 American history and the Civil Rights Movement, advocating for  
10 justice, equality, and nonviolent protest in the face of systemic  
11 racism and discrimination; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. King's leadership and commitment to social justice  
13 helped to end segregation, secure voting rights, and promote civil  
14 liberties for all citizens, leaving a lasting legacy of equality and  
15 human rights; and

16 WHEREAS, The extension of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way is a symbol  
17 of the community and unity of the surrounding communities, and is an  
18 appropriate way to honor the life and contributions of Dr. King;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
20 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to  
21 extend the naming of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, as a memorial to  
22 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., along state route number 900 from the  
23 westerly city limits of Renton to the junction with state route

1 number 515, and then continuing the entirety of state route number  
2 515 between the junction with state route number 900 and the junction  
3 with state route number 516.

4 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
5 transmitted to the Washington State Transportation Commission, the  
6 Honorable Secretary of the Washington State Department of  
7 Transportation, and the Washington State Department of  
8 Transportation.

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