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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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July 25, 2023

Roger Millar, Secretary
Washington State Department of Transportation
PO Box 47316
Olympia, WA 98504-7316

Re: Adoption of Resolution No. 749

Dear Secretary Millar:

I am writing to inform you that the Commission adopted Resolution No. 749 on July 19, 2023, (enclosed) naming the Riffe Lake Overlook in Lewis County the “Gary Stamper Memorial Overlook.”

We hope the Department will move forward in a timely manner with the fabrication and installation of the appropriate signage to reflect the naming. If you have any questions, please contact me at 360-705-7070.

Sincerely,

Reema Griffith
Executive Director
Washington State Transportation Commission

cc: Carley Francis, Regional Administrator, Southwest Region

Enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 749

WHEREAS, Gary Stamper was a lifelong resident of Washington State, spending his early years in Riffe, Washington, and later moving to Mossyrock, Washington, where he attended Mossyrock High School and later attended Central Washington University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science, and then a master's degree in school administration from Heritage University; and

WHEREAS, Gary Stamper served as a teacher and athletic director from 1985-2007 at Mossyrock High School, before becoming Vice-Principal at North Beach High School from 2007-2010, and then Principal at White Pass Junior-Senior High School from 2010-2015. During his time in education, Mr. Stamper served as a coach, mentor, and friend to countless students, parents, staff and faculty; and

WHEREAS, Gary Stamper expanded his role as a public servant in 2015 when he took office as a County Commissioner in Lewis County, where he prided himself on being a champion in the areas of timber and transportation, representing the county on the Lewis County Transportation Strategy Committee, the Regional Transportation Planning Organization, and the Washington State County Road Administration Board; and

WHEREAS, Gary Stamper established strong relationships as a County Commissioner with Lewis County's nine incorporated cities, Twin Transit, the tribes, and the county's two ports, in developing infrastructure plans for the future while also working with private entities to identify transportation needs and develop solutions; and

WHEREAS, Gary Stamper worked tirelessly in supporting the advancement of the Interstate 5 widening project in Lewis County, relieving congestion at the Napavine interchange, rebuilding the Chamber Way overpass, improving fish passages and making repairs to State Route 603, Borst Avenue and Silverbrook Road; and

WHEREAS, before his untimely death in 2021, Gary Stamper was instrumental in advancing improvements to the access and views of Riffe Lake from the Riffe Lake Overlook located on State Route 12, and within the district Mr. Stamper represented as a County Commissioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to honor Gary Stamper's commitment to the region and to the furtherance of transportation, the Washington State Transportation Commission does hereby name the Riffe Lake Overlook, located on State Route 12 approximately 0.4 miles east of the Mossyrock Dam, the "Gary Stamper Memorial Overlook".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission requests the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide signage along State Route 12 and at the Riffe Lake Overlook reflecting this memorial naming.

ADOPTED this 19th day of July, 2023.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

REEMA GRIFFITH, Executive Director

Assistant Attorney General