

# RESOLUTION NO. 1425

## A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF PORT OF PASCO, REQUESTING NAMING OF U.S. HIGHWAY 395 AFTER THOMAS STEPHEN FOLEY

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 395 between the Tri-Cities and Ritzville was expanded to four lanes with the support of Thomas Stephen Foley, and the expansion of U.S. Highway 395 has increased safety and expedited the movement of people and freight between the two largest population centers in eastern Washington; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Stephen “Tom” Foley, a Washington native, served in the United States House of Representatives for thirty years representing the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District from 1965 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Stephen Foley Became the 57<sup>th</sup> Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1989 to 1995, and has the distinction of being the first Speaker of the House of Representatives from a state west of the Rocky Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Before joining the United States House of Representatives, Thomas Stephen Foley joined the Office of the Washington State Attorney General in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Stephen Foley was appointed as the 25<sup>th</sup> United State Ambassador to Japan and served as ambassador from 1997 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Stephen Foley was awarded the Washington State Medal of Merit in 2003 by Governor Gary Locke;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Port of Pasco respectfully request that the Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name U.S. Highway 395, beginning at the Washington/Oregon border in the vicinity of Plymouth, WA, thence in a northerly direction to the Washington/Canada border in the vicinity of Laurier, WA, as the Thomas Stephen “Tom” Foley Memorial Highway to honor his service to Washington State.

BE IT RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted to the Washington State Transportation Commission.

ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016

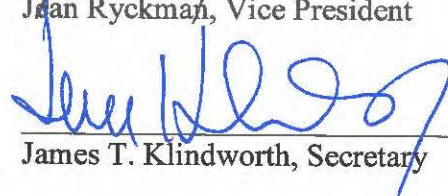
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