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TO THE HONORABLE DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:

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

WHEREAS, Our nation has a moral obligation to support combat-injured veterans who have made noble and selfless personal sacrifices fulfilling their service protecting our nation; and

WHEREAS, Two service members can suffer the same combat injury, but receive vastly different treatment based on each service member's time served, resulting in considerable inequity in the treatment of each service member; and

WHEREAS, Congress recognized the inequitable and unfair treatment of the nation's service members in 2004, and passed legislation rectifying the disparity; and

WHEREAS, The legislation limited its application to veterans who served 20 or more years, leaving veterans with less than 20 years of service who are forced into medical retirement due to combat-related injuries in the same inequitable position;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the Major Richard Star Act, H.R. 2102 amending Title 10 of the United States Code, be scheduled for a floor vote, to prioritize the nation's moral obligation to all combat-injured veterans and provide our veterans with full concurrent receipt, regardless of their years of service.

BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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