

1 **Resolution Concerning Route WA-395,**
2 **from the Tri-Cities To Ritzville**

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4 **WHEREAS** Thomas Stephen “Tom” Foley, a native of Spokane, Washington, served in
5 the U.S. House of Representatives for 30 years representing the 5th Congressional
6 District from 1965-1995;

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8 **WHEREAS** he became the 57th Speaker of the House from 1989-1995, and has the
9 distinction of being the first Speaker from a state west of the Rocky Mountains;

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11 **WHEREAS** following Congress, Foley served as our Ambassador to Japan 1997-2001
12 under President Bill Clinton;

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14 **WHEREAS** in 2003, Foley was awarded the state’s highest honor by Washington’s
15 Governor Gary Locke, the Washington State Medal of Merit;

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17 **WHEREAS** it was in Tom Foley’s time of elected office, and with his support, that
18 Highway 395 between the Tri-Cities and Ritzville was expanded to 4-lane; and

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20 **WHEREAS** this has greatly increased safety and eased intra-state travel;

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22 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Legislature Department of
23 Transportation is urged to dedicate this portion of the state highway to the honor of
24 Tom Foley.

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27 Submitted by the Skamania County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic
28 Central Committee for consideration at its June 2, 2012 Convention. (Date Submitted
29 5/2/2012)

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31 Recommended ‘PASS’ by the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Economic Justice and
32 Development, Energy and the Environment, and Transportation at its May 12th meeting
33 in Ellensburg.

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35 Recommended ‘PASS’ by the Platform Committee at its June 1st meeting in Seattle.

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37 ‘PASSED’ by the Washington State Democratic Convention at its June 2nd meeting in
38 Seattle.