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By Representative Boehnke

1 TO THE HONORABLE DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF THE
5 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF THE
6 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE:

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

10 WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard Academy is in Connecticut,
11 the United States Naval Academy is in Maryland, the Air Force Academy
12 is in Colorado, and the United States Military Academy is in New
13 York, and there is no United States military service academy west of
14 the Rocky Mountains and no military service academy for the proposed
15 sixth branch of the United States Armed Forces; and

16 WHEREAS, Washington state is a world leader in aerospace,
17 advanced manufacturing, health sciences research, and cloud
18 computing, and is home to incredible companies offering commercial
19 solutions for the new space sector; and

20 WHEREAS, Washington state offers an entrepreneurial climate for
21 all space ventures with a proven track record of growing emerging
22 technology companies to scale, and is also in need of expanded

1 workforce education and higher education capacity in science,
2 technology, math, and engineering; and

3 WHEREAS, Washington state military installations are the second
4 largest public employer in Washington, employing over 112,000 active
5 duty, reserve, guard, and civilian personnel; and

6 WHEREAS, Washington state is home to over 607,000 veterans and
7 nearly 91,000 military families who are a source of pride to all of
8 our residents; and

9 WHEREAS, Washington's military and defense community supports
10 over thirteen billion dollars in annual procurement supported by over
11 1,900 businesses across the state, representing over three percent of
12 the state's gross domestic product; and

13 WHEREAS, The President of the United States has proposed to
14 establish a United States Space Force as a separate branch of the
15 Armed Forces within the Department of the Air Force in furtherance of
16 fundamental United States economic and national security interests,
17 and directed the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Director of
18 the Office of Management and Budget a proposed budget for the United
19 States Space Force to be included in the President's Fiscal Year 2020
20 Budget Request; and

21 WHEREAS, Washington state lawmakers recognize and embrace a
22 competition with any of its fellow states for the opportunity and
23 privilege to host any facilities and personnel that support the
24 mission of that new branch of service; and

25 WHEREAS, Washington state is ready and eager to support the
26 creation of a federally funded stand-alone institution of higher
27 education dedicated to space-focused research and equipping students
28 with the academic and leadership skills to bring the best in human
29 ingenuity and ethical conduct into the area beyond earth's orbit;

30 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that you
31 consider establishing within Washington state a United States Space
32 Academy to train and equip an American workforce for the civilian
33 opportunities and military missions of the future in space.

34 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
35 transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United
36 States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense, the
37 Secretary of the United States Air Force, the President of the United

1 States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each
2 member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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