RESOLUTION NO. 754

WHEREAS, *the Medal of Honor is awarded to military service members who distinguish themselves "through conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty"; and*

WHEREAS, *legislation authorizing the Medal of Honor was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in 1861, initially to honor our Civil War heroes; and*

WHEREAS, *President John F. Kennedy proclaimed, "A nation reveals itself not only by the men [and women] it produces but also by the men [and women] it honors"; and*

WHEREAS, *less than one-tenth of one percent of America's service members have been awarded the Medal of Honor, with 34 known recipients accredited to Washington state; and*

WHEREAS, *Washington state has innate historical ties to its veterans having become a state on November 11, 1889, which subsequently became Armistice Day in 1919, and Veteran's Day in 1954; and*

WHEREAS, *Interstate 90 is an east-west transcontinental highway from Seattle to Boston serving the myriad transportation needs of every American; and*

WHEREAS, *the Vantage Bridge over the mighty Columbia River is a sturdy, unpretentious structure aptly reflecting the genuine humility and great public service common among our nation's Medal of Honor recipients; and*

WHEREAS, *we wish to proclaim our deep gratitude for the supreme service of our nation's Medal of Honor recipients; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *to honor, respect, and remember Medal of Honor recipients, the Washington State Transportation Commission designates the Interstate 90 bridge over the Columbia River from milepost 137.20 to MP 137.67 near Vantage, Washington as the "Medal of Honor Bridge".*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *the Washington State Transportation Commission requests the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide signage reflecting this naming designation as soon as possible.*

ADOPTED this 17th day of September 2025.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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DEBBIE YOUNG, Chair	JAMES RESTUCCI, Vice-Chair
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