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**House Joint Memorial 5**

Sponsored by Representative HOLVEY, Senator BEYER; Representative BARNHART, Senator JOHNSON

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the United States Department of Energy and its predecessor agencies' activities producing plutonium at the Hanford Nuclear Site at Richland, Washington, created large amounts of radioactive and chemical waste; and

Whereas the methods used for handling radioactive and chemical waste from the Hanford Nuclear Site resulted in extensive ground water contamination; and

Whereas some of the contaminated ground water from the Hanford Nuclear Site enters the Columbia River, causing localized contamination where plumes enter the river; and

Whereas cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Site has been underway since 1989, and will likely continue for another 40 years or more; and

Whereas although significant progress has been made in reducing the flow of contaminants in ground water to the Columbia River, expansion of treatment systems is still needed, especially on Hanford's Central Plateau, to ensure sufficient long-term protection of the river; and

Whereas federal funding for the Hanford Nuclear Site cleanup is not keeping pace with actions needed to continue widespread progress with the overall Hanford Nuclear Site cleanup, including expansion of the ground water treatment systems; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to continue to appropriate and expend funds as necessary to support the continued cleanup of radioactive and chemical contaminants at the Hanford Nuclear Site, with a specific focus on expansion of the existing ground water treatment systems.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by House April 6, 2017

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 16, 2017

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate