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Requested by Representative HOLVEY

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 5**

1 Delete lines 6 through 20 of the printed joint memorial and insert:

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

6 “Whereas the methods used for handling radioactive and chemical waste
7 from the Hanford Nuclear Site resulted in extensive ground water contam-
8 ination; and

9 “Whereas some of the contaminated ground water from the Hanford Nu-
10 clear Site enters the Columbia River, causing localized contamination where
11 plumes enter the river; and

12 “Whereas cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Site has been underway since
13 1989, and will likely continue for another 40 years or more; and

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

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

1 Delete lines 22 through 24 and insert:

2 “(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to continue
3 to appropriate and expend funds as necessary to support the continued
4 cleanup of radioactive and chemical contaminants at the Hanford Nuclear
5 Site, with a specific focus on expansion of the existing ground water treat-
6 ment systems.”.

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