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A RESOLUTION providing a secondary designation of the high-level fixed span bridge portion of the West Seattle Freeway as the Jeanette Williams Memorial Bridge.

WHEREAS, Jeanette Williams will be remembered as a tireless, courageous and visionary leader who worked as an advocate for her community, including as a Seattle City Councilmember from 1970-1989;

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams was known as a trailblazer, fearlessly advocating for civil rights, equality and fairness for each and every citizen of Seattle by leading efforts such as the creation of the Seattle Women’s Commission in 1973;

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams was a strong supporter of parks with a legacy of achievement that includes the acquisition of Discovery Park, Kubota Gardens and Warren G. Magnuson Park for the people of Seattle to enjoy;

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams, while a member of the Seattle City Council, was the primary figure in procuring the funding necessary to build a high-level bridge across the Duwamish waterway; and

WHEREAS, the high-level bridge across the Duwamish waterway, commonly known as the “West Seattle Bridge,” connecting West Seattle directly with SR 99 and with I-5 via Spokane Street, provides significant benefits to Seattle residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to acknowledge Ms. Williams’ service to the community and importance in making the high-level West Seattle Bridge a reality; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Section 1. The high-level fixed span bridge portion of the West Seattle Freeway, which is currently named the “West Seattle Bridge”, shall have a secondary designation as the “Jeanette Williams Memorial Bridge.”

Section 2. The Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation place memorial signs at prominent and appropriate locations which shall reflect the “Jeanette Williams Memorial Bridge” designation.

1 Section 3. By this Resolution, the Council does not intend to affect any existing or
2 future signage that reflects the West Seattle Bridge designation, with the exception of the
3 memorial signs described in Section 2 of this Resolution.

4 Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2009, and signed by me
5 in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day of _____, 2009.
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President _____ of the City Council

9 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:
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14 Mayor
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16 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2009.
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