

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 25

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 58

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 25—Relative to the Sonny Bono Memorial Freeway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 25, Kelley. Sonny Bono Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate the Coachella Valley portion of Interstate 10 from a point just west of the State Highway 111 cutoff in the Palm Springs area to a point at the bottom of the grade east of the City of Coachella as the Sonny Bono Memorial Freeway in honor and recognition of Sonny Bono. The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, The life of Sonny Bono exemplifies the opportunities offered to everyone in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Bono left his boyhood home in Detroit, Michigan, for Hollywood, California, at a young age to become a star in show business; and

WHEREAS, His quest led him to a laborer's job as a meat truck driver and deliveryman and then in promotions for a record company; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Bono parlayed those jobs into an opportunity to showcase his ability as a showman and entertainer; and

WHEREAS, Those talents eventually led to a career of fame as a recording and television star, enabling him to touch the hearts of millions of people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Bono pursued another dream as a restaurant owner in Palm Springs; and

WHEREAS, His concern on behalf of his community as a businessman led him to public service eventually leading to his election as Mayor of Palm Springs in 1988; and

WHEREAS, As Mayor of Palm Springs, Sonny Bono energized the city and enabled the community to enhance its national and international prominence as a leader in business and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Bono's public service career eventually led him to the halls of the Congress of the United States in 1994 as the



Representative from the Coachella Valley and Western Riverside County areas of southern California; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Bono's leadership ability as a Congressman benefited the Coachella Valley, Western Riverside County, and much of the Inland Empire; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Bono's achievements as a Congressman brought needed national attention to the environmental needs of the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Bono tirelessly worked on behalf of his constituents bringing the needed federal funding for transportation and infrastructure projects for the Coachella Valley; and

WHEREAS, His efforts to improve transportation led to funding for significant highway improvements throughout the Coachella Valley and Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, Although Sonny Bono's career and life were tragically cut short by an accident, the memories of his leadership and values continue to positively shape progress throughout California; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the Legislature of the State of California honors the memory of Congressman Sonny Bono, and conveys the Legislature's appreciation for the Congressman's legacy and life of public service on behalf of California; and

WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to Sonny Bono to name the Coachella Valley portion of Interstate 10 from a point just west of the State Highway 111 cutoff in the Palm Springs area to a point at the bottom of the grade east of the City of Coachella as the Sonny Bono Memorial Freeway; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the Coachella Valley portion of Interstate 10, from a point just west of the State Highway 111 cutoff in the Palm Springs area to a point at the bottom of the grade east of the City of Coachella, the Sonny Bono Memorial Freeway in honor and recognition of Sonny Bono; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is hereby requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author for distribution.

