

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 46

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 54

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 46—Relative to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.

[Filed with Secretary of State May 31, 2001.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 46, Florez. The Kern County Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 99 as the Kern County Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques designating that portion of State Highway Route 99 and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques.

WHEREAS, From June 25, 1950, until July 27, 1953, the United States was involved in a bloody conflict with North Korea and China following the North Korean invasion of South Korea; and

WHEREAS, Of the 1,789,000 Americans that served in Korea for the purpose of preventing the Communist takeover of South Korea, 36,516 Americans died, 103,284 were wounded, 7,245 were prisoners of war, and 8,176 are still unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, There were 42 Kern County military personnel killed in action in Korea, three died while missing, two died while captured, and six died from wounds, and approximately 8,120 Korean War veterans presently live in Kern County; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-six Korean veterans recently organized as the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA), Charles N. Bikakis Chapter, P.O. Box 10133, Bakersfield, CA 93389-0133; and

WHEREAS, Active participants of KWVA include Highway Committee Chairmen Michael Sabol and John Cave, representing Jeryl Matthews, President, Bob Friday, 1st Vice President, Bob Castle, 2nd Vice President, Tom Jones, Secretary, Ralph Smith, Treasurer, Gene Dixon, Historian, Isaac Ornelas, MIA/POW Officer, Ed LeLouis, Judge Advocate, James Ledbetter, Chaplain, John Bausano, Advisor, Harvey Ginn, Advisor, Tom Lewis, Publicity Chairman, and members James J. Abel, Samuel L. Barton, Daniel J. Boehm, Raymond Carlson, Billy Ellis, William M. Jackson, Ray M. Johnson Jr., Glenn E. Knox, Humberto Marques, Fred J. Moore, William L. Painter, James R. Parris,

Frances Ramirez, Kenneth R. Raymond, James H. Robertson, Jose Rojas, Richard S. Smith, Leroy G. Stone, Walter E. Swanson, Neal T. Vance, Dale R. Wilson, and Joseph D. Yopez; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the portion of State Highway Route 99 that is between the northern Kern County line in Delano at County Line Road (J44) and the southern terminus of Route 99, three and one-half miles south of Mettler, is hereby officially designated as the Kern County Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway; and be it further

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

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.

