

**Introduced by Senator Burton**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 105—Relative to Caltrans Maintenance Worker Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 105, as introduced, Burton. Caltrans Maintenance Worker Memorial Bridge.

This measure would dedicate a bridge on Interstate Route 80 in Sacramento and Yolo Counties as the Caltrans Maintenance Worker Memorial Bridge. The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Public employees at every level of California  
2 government faithfully serve their fellow Californians; and

3 WHEREAS, The state values a professional civil service whose  
4 highest principle is duty to the public, whose foremost  
5 commitment is to excellence, and whose experience and expertise  
6 are a resource to be used and respected for the benefit of all  
7 Californians; and

8 WHEREAS, The thousands of men and women who serve at all  
9 levels in the Division of Maintenance of the Department of  
10 Transportation are persons of knowledge, ability, and integrity  
11 who deserve to be recognized for their dedicated service; and

1 WHEREAS, Employees of the Department of Transportation  
2 are among those who must regularly work within the public  
3 right-of-way and in close proximity to traffic while performing  
4 their responsibilities, including the maintenance of streets, the  
5 maintenance and repair of water and sewer lines, the maintenance  
6 and replacement of traffic signs and signals, the application of  
7 pavement markings, and the maintenance and landscaping of  
8 street medians; and

9 WHEREAS, The men and women in the Division of  
10 Maintenance have paid a particularly harsh price for their  
11 dedicated service while working in conditions that have resulted  
12 in the highest death and accident rates in state service, with  
13 numerous deaths and injuries in the past 10 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Accidents in highway work zones resulted in  
15 1,093 deaths nationwide in 2000; and

16 WHEREAS, Workers in work zones and motorists traveling  
17 through work zones suffer injury and death as a result of accidents  
18 in work zones; and

19 WHEREAS, The state desires to promote the safety of its  
20 employees and to encourage motorists traveling in and through the  
21 state to exercise caution and care when encountering a work zone;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The dedication of a bridge on the state highway  
24 system can serve as a symbolic link between the sacrifice of the  
25 past that has helped to create the present concern about highway  
26 safety and current efforts to make safety a priority in the future;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, This dedication will continue to remind everyone  
29 of the need to keep safety as a priority and to cherish and enjoy  
30 every day; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
32 *thereof concurring,* That the Sacramento River Bridge and  
33 Overhead on Interstate Route 80 commonly known as the Bryte  
34 Bend Bridge in Sacramento and Yolo Counties is hereby dedicated  
35 in honor of the deceased and injured workers of the Division of  
36 Maintenance of the Department of Transportation, and is to be  
37 known as the Caltrans Maintenance Worker Memorial Bridge; and  
38 be it further

39 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is hereby  
40 requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and



1 markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state  
2 highways system, showing this special designation and, upon  
3 receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to  
4 erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
6 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
7 of this resolution for distribution.

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