

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 97

Introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee

January 4, 2006

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 97—Relative to Alex Madonna Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 97, as introduced, Blakeslee. Alex Madonna Memorial Highway

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 101 in the County of San Luis Obispo from the State Highway Route 58 exit in Santa Margarita to the Vineyard Drive exit in Templeton as the Alex Madonna Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna was born in 1918 in a house that
- 2 was on property that is now a part of Camp San Luis Obispo; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna, by the age of five, after losing his
- 4 father and brother, lived with his mother and older sister near the
- 5 Mission San Luis Obispo; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna graduated from San Luis Obispo
- 7 High School in 1937; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna, while still in high school, started
- 9 a construction company with a Model T Ford truck and a pick
- 10 and shovel; and

1 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna married Phyllis Boyd in 1949,
2 and together they had four children, Cathie, John, Karen, and
3 Connie; and

4 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna opened the world famous
5 Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo in 1958; and

6 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna built the San Luis County
7 Regional Airport; and

8 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna completed work on many projects
9 involving the construction of State Highway Route 101 within
10 the County of San Luis Obispo; and

11 WHEREAS, These projects included grading and plant mixed
12 surfacing of State Highway Route 101 from one mile south of
13 Templeton to Paso Robles, construction of five bridges and
14 pedestrian undercrossings on State Highway Route 101 from 1.5
15 miles west of Santa Margarita to Atascadero, resurfacing and
16 installing pavement markers on State Highway Route 101 from
17 the Vineyard Drive Overcrossing to the South Paso Robles
18 Overhead, and ramp repair on State Highway Route 101 at
19 Atascadero Creek; and

20 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna's construction company built a
21 good portion of State Highway Route 101 from Salinas to
22 Buellton and repaved portions of State Highway Routes 1, 41,
23 and 46; and

24 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna built the final stretch of Interstate
25 5 that connected Canada and Mexico; and

26 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna built a bridge on State Highway
27 Route 58 and State Highway Route 166; and

28 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna was very generous to people in
29 need, while also supporting and contributing to local charities;
30 now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
32 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
33 portion of State Highway Route 101 in the County of San Luis
34 Obispo from the State Highway Route 58 exit in Santa Margarita
35 to the Vineyard Drive exit in Templeton as the Alex Madonna
36 Memorial Highway; and be it further

37 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
38 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
39 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
40 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations

- 1 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
- 2 be it further;
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
- 4 copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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