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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 97

Introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee
(Coauthor: Senator Maldonado)

January 4, 2006

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 97, as amended, 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 from the Madonna Road exit in San Luis Obispo to the Santa Barbara Road exit in South Atascadero~~ 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

1 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna graduated from San Luis Obispo
2 High School in 1937; and

3 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna, while still in high school, started
4 a construction company with a Model T Ford truck and a pick
5 and shovel; and

6 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna married Phyllis Boyd in 1949,
7 and together they had four children, Cathie, John, Karen, and
8 Connie; and

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

11 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna built the San Luis County
12 Regional Airport; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna's construction company built a
26 good portion of State Highway Route 101 from Salinas to
27 Buellton and repaved portions of State Highway Routes 1, 41,
28 and 46; and

29 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna built the final stretch of Interstate
30 5 that connected Canada and Mexico; and

31 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna built a bridge on State Highway
32 Route 58 and State Highway Route 166; and

33 WHEREAS, Alex Madonna was very generous to people in
34 need, while also supporting and contributing to local charities;
35 now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the*
38 *portion of State Highway Route 101 in the County of San Luis*
39 *Obispo from the State Highway Route 58 exit in Santa Margarita*
40 *to the Vineyard Drive exit in Templeton from the Madonna Road*

1 *exit in San Luis Obispo to the Santa Barbara Road exit in South*
2 *Atascadero as the Alex Madonna Memorial Highway; and be it*
3 *further*

4 *Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested*
5 *to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent*
6 *with the signing requirements for the state highway system,*
7 *showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations*
8 *from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and*
9 *be it further;*

10 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit*
11 *copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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