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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 73

Introduced by Assembly Members Bass and Duvall

August 22, 2007

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 73—Relative to the Nathan Shapell Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 73, as amended, Bass. The Nathan Shapell *Memorial* Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 405 in the County of Los Angeles as the Nathan Shapell Memorial Highway. The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell was a man of integrity and
2 principle, a builder of lives who was dedicated to helping others
3 less fortunate. A survivor of the Holocaust, he was determined to
4 not only rebuild his own life, but to help others rebuild theirs. For
5 more than five years after World War II, he built a community for
6 thousands of displaced people and survivors of the camps before
7 ~~immigrating~~ *emigrating* to the United States in the early 1950s;
8 and
9 WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell built a highly successful real estate
10 development company that is recognized as an industry leader and
11 highly respected as a role model for corporate philanthropy; and

1 WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell dedicated a major portion of his
2 life to public service. He was a past President and Executive Board
3 Member of the American Academy of Achievement and served
4 as a Member of President Reagan’s Private Sector Survey on Cost
5 Control. He founded and cochaired Building a Better Los Angeles,
6 a one-time project that raised over \$1 million for the homeless. In
7 1987, he accepted the position of President of D.A.R.E. America,
8 a renowned drug abuse resistance education program. In 1992,
9 Governor Pete Wilson appointed him to serve as a member of the
10 California Competitiveness Council and develop recommendations
11 to revitalize California’s economy; and

12 WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell’s greatest public contributions
13 were made through his 29 years of service on California’s “Little
14 Hoover Commission.” As chairman for an unprecedented 18 years
15 of this one-of-a-kind commission, he helped save taxpayers billions
16 of dollars and improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of
17 Californians in areas that include nursing home operations,
18 children’s services, property management, transportation, the
19 Medi-Cal program, and public education; and

20 WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell’s commitment to service on behalf
21 of the public was recognized in 1986 when Santa Clara University
22 bestowed upon him an honorary Doctorate of Public Service
23 degree. In 1987, Tel Aviv University awarded Mr. Shapell a Doctor
24 Philosophiae Honoris Causa. He chronicled the early years of his
25 life in his book, “Witness to the Truth”; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Shapell lived in Beverly Hills until his death
27 on March 11, 2007. His daughter and son-in-law, Vera and Paul
28 Guerin, and his grandchildren, Lisa, Dana, and Michael, live in
29 Los Angeles; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
32 portion of State Highway Route 405 from Howard Hughes Parkway
33 to Mulholland Drive in the County of Los Angeles as the Nathan
34 Shapell Memorial Highway; and be it further

35 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
36 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
37 signage requirements for the state highway system, showing this
38 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
39 sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
2 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
3 author for appropriate distribution.

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6 CORRECTIONS: _____

7 Heading—Lines 1, 2, and 5.

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