

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 102

Introduced by Assembly Member Strickland

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102—Relative to the Airborne Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 102, as introduced, Strickland. Airborne Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate State Highway Route 101 from the East Los Angeles interchange to the Oregon border as the Airborne Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 101 is a north-south highway
- 2 spanning most of California, from the Oregon state border south
- 3 to the East Los Angeles interchange, officially, but historically
- 4 stretching all the way to the U.S.-Mexican border; and
- 5 WHEREAS, This 807-mile principle arterial highway traverses
- 6 the following counties within the State of California: Los Angeles,
- 7 Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito,
- 8 Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma,
- 9 Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte; and

1 WHEREAS, The numerical designation of this highway has a
2 strong significance with the present and former military personnel
3 of the U.S. Army’s 101st Airborne Division, their families and
4 descendants, and their friends and supporters; to these people, the
5 numbers “101” mean only one thing, and the symbol evokes pride
6 in those who served and those who stayed behind and supported
7 them, as well as all of those who over the years benefited from the
8 sacrifices of those veterans; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of California has the largest United States
10 veteran population in the nation, comprised of some 3,300,000
11 armed services veterans and representing 12.3 percent of the
12 nationwide veteran population of nearly 27,000,000; and

13 WHEREAS, The 101st Airborne Division was instrumental in
14 the successes of the following military operations: In World War
15 II, the D-Day invasion of Normandy; Operation Market Garden
16 in the Netherlands; and the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne; in
17 Vietnam, Operation Nevada Eagle and the battles for Hamburger
18 Hill and Fire Support Base Ripcord; in the Middle East, Operations
19 Desert Shield and Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom I
20 and II; and

21 WHEREAS, Servicemen and women from California continue
22 to serve their country by volunteering for duty with the 101st
23 Airborne Division, it is fitting and proper that State Highway Route
24 101 from the East Los Angeles interchange to the Oregon border
25 be designated the “Airborne Memorial Highway;” now, therefore,
26 be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates State
29 Highway Route 101 from the East Los Angeles interchange to the
30 Oregon border as the Airborne Memorial Highway; and be it
31 further

32 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
33 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
34 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
35 special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate
36 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
37 further

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

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