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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 144**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Anderson**

June 9, 2008

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 144—Relative to the Border Patrol Officer Neil Wilkie Hepburn Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 144, as amended, Anderson. Border Patrol Officer Neil Wilkie Hepburn Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the bridge on State Highway Route 52 that crosses over West Hills Parkway in Santee, California, as the Border Patrol Officer Neil Wilkie Hepburn Memorial Bridge. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1     ~~WHEREAS, The Legislature desires to designate a portion of~~  
2     ~~State Highway Route 52 in Santee, California, as the Border Patrol~~  
3     ~~Officer Neil Wilkie Hepburn Memorial Bridge; now, therefore,~~  
4     ~~be it~~

5     *WHEREAS, Border Patrol Officer Neil Wilkie Hepburn was*  
6     *born in Dundee, Scotland, on July 3, 1972; and*

7     *WHEREAS, Border Patrol Officer Hepburn immigrated to the*  
8     *United States on May 27, 1981, and settled in the desert of southern*  
9     *California; and*

1     *WHEREAS, Border Patrol Officer Hepburn met Kristina Kaye*  
2     *at San Diego State University in 1991 and they married on August*  
3     *3, 1996; and*

4     *WHEREAS, In 1996, Border Patrol Officer Hepburn became a*  
5     *United States citizen and graduated from San Diego State*  
6     *University with a degree in criminal justice. While at San Diego*  
7     *State University, he participated in the marching band and*  
8     *symphonic band; and*

9     *WHEREAS, In 1998, Border Patrol Officer Hepburn joined the*  
10    *United States Border Patrol and served with Horse Patrol, a*  
11    *specialized unit of the United States Border Patrol, at the Imperial*  
12    *Beach Station for 8 years. He was known for his ability to*  
13    *“MacGyver” everything; and*

14    *WHEREAS, Border Patrol Officer Hepburn served as a*  
15    *supervisor at Campo Station IH8 Check Point, as an emergency*  
16    *medical technician, and as a supervisor of the canine program;*  
17    *and*

18    *WHEREAS, Border Patrol Officer Hepburn was learning to*  
19    *play bagpipes with other border patrol agents, was a member of*  
20    *the Tierrasanta Parent-Teacher Association, and volunteered as*  
21    *an AYSO soccer coach and as a little league baseball coach in*  
22    *Tierrasanta; and*

23    *WHEREAS, Border Patrol Officer Hepburn was a loving*  
24    *husband to Kristina and a devoted father to his seven-year-old*  
25    *son Robby and two-year-old daughter Kayelin; and*

26    *WHEREAS, Border Patrol Officer Hepburn lost his life*  
27    *tragically in a head-on collision with a drunk driver while on his*  
28    *way home from work in the early morning hours of September 7,*  
29    *2007, on State Highway Route 52 in San Diego; now, therefore,*  
30    *be it*

31    *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
32    *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the*  
33    *bridge on State Highway Route 52 that crosses over West Hills*  
34    *Parkway in Santee, California, as the Border Patrol Officer Neil*  
35    *Wilkie Hepburn Memorial Bridge; and be it further*

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

1 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
2 further  
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
4 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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