
Introduced by Senator Hollingsworth

March 19, 2007

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33—Relative to the Nello Irwin Greer Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 33, as introduced, Hollingsworth. Nello Irwin Greer Memorial Bridge.:

This measure would designate the bridge on State Highway Route 8 that crosses Pine Valley Creek, as the Nello Irwin Greer Memorial Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Nello Irwin Greer was born on March 9, 1922, in
2 Phoenix, Arizona and, after briefly residing in Victorville,
3 California, moved to St. Johns, Arizona where he spent his
4 formative years; and
5 WHEREAS, Mr. Greer lived on the Greer Ranch in St. Johns,
6 which resembled a setting from a Louis L'Amour story; and
7 WHEREAS, Mr. Greer fought during World War II, serving
8 with General George S. Patton, Jr. at the Battle of the Bulge; and
9 WHEREAS, After returning from the war, Mr. Greer began his
10 career with the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in 1948,
11 advancing to an engineering position and working on many state
12 freeway projects in San Bernardino, California; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1960, Mr. Greer moved to District 11 in San
2 Diego, California, where he lived until retiring from Caltrans in
3 1977, and some of his projects there include State Highway Route
4 163 from State Highway Route 8 north to the Geneese exit, the
5 design of the first bridge on Friars Road with 13 lanes of traffic,
6 as well as various other projects throughout the county; and

7 WHEREAS, The Pine Valley Project was by far the most
8 incredible of Mr. Greer's projects; while Caltrans wanted the
9 project's freeway to run through the town of Pine Valley,
10 California, Mr. Greer moved the project to the location where it
11 currently exists, overcoming numerous obstacles to complete it;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, One such obstacle was the design of a new bridge
14 that was over 800 feet high, and Mr. Greer suggested its
15 construction as a hollow bridge; and

16 WHEREAS, The construction of the bridge in the Pine Valley
17 Project received many engineering awards, and the projected
18 removals and quantities to finish the Pine Valley Project along
19 with the tightest budget in Caltrans history, earned Mr. Greer many
20 awards and recognition throughout the country; and

21 WHEREAS, After retiring, Mr. Greer worked for an engineering
22 company that sent him all over the world designing and supervising
23 the projects that he had designed, including the Glenwood Canyon
24 Project (Interstate 70) in Glenwood, Colorado, that, was named
25 the eighth man-made wonder of the world; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Greer was involved with many organizations
27 during his career that include ToastMasters and the California
28 State Employees Association, where he was involved on the state
29 and local levels, and he also was an active member of the Church
30 of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Greer died on August 15, 2002, with his wife
32 by his side; and

33 WHEREAS, His family includes his wife and two adopted sons,
34 Charles Dunnington Greer and Scott Irwin Greer, and one adopted
35 daughter, Leslie Leora Huch, and nine foster children; and

36 WHEREAS, In recognition of the distinguished life of Nello
37 Irwin Greer and his extraordinary contributions to the transportation
38 system of this state, it would be a fitting tribute to designate the
39 bridge on State Highway Route 8 that crosses Pine Valley Creek
40 as the Nello Irwin Greer Memorial Bridge; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
3 bridge on State Highway Route 8 that crosses Pine Valley Creek
4 as the Nello Irwin Greer Memorial Bridge; and be it further

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

11 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
12 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
13 author for appropriate distribution.