

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 24

Introduced by Assembly Member Carter

February 11, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 24—Relative to the John Knabenbauer Fifth Street Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 24, as introduced, Carter. John Knabenbauer Fifth Street Bridge.

This measure would designate a specified location on Interstate 215 in San Bernardino as the John Knabenbauer Fifth Street Bridge. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The California Department of Transportation
- 2 (Caltrans) is saddened by the tragic death of John Knabenbauer,
- 3 a dedicated maintenance employee of the Department, who
- 4 succumbed to injuries he suffered on November 28, 2007, when
- 5 he was struck by a passing vehicle while working on Interstate
- 6 215, near the Fifth Street off-ramp, in San Bernardino; and
- 7 WHEREAS, John Knabenbauer is survived by his wife
- 8 Jeannette, his daughter Alyssa, his father Robert, and his sister
- 9 Cindy; and
- 10 WHEREAS, John Knabenbauer was born on October 19, 1965,
- 11 grew up in the foothills of San Bernardino, and graduated from
- 12 Cajon High School; and

1 WHEREAS, A 17-year veteran of Caltrans, John embarked
2 upon his state service career in May 1990 in the Landscape
3 Division of Caltrans District 7 (Los Angeles) as a Maintenance
4 Worker, and he transitioned to Highway Maintenance in July 1992,
5 where he remained until September 1995, when he transferred to
6 District 8 (San Bernardino/Riverside) in Riverside; and

7 WHEREAS, John was promoted to Caltrans Equipment Operator
8 II in Riverside on November 1, 2000, and transferred to the Fontana
9 Maintenance Yard on July 16, 2005; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout his state service career, John was
11 genuinely respected, admired, and appreciated by all who had the
12 opportunity to know and work with him and to reap the benefits
13 of his exceptional spirit; and

14 WHEREAS, John received a commendation from President
15 George W. Bush for his work in 2003 during the “Old Fire” in San
16 Bernardino, where he helped maintain traffic control at the bottom
17 of the hill and used a plow truck to maintain an evacuation route;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In recognition of the contributions made by John
20 Knabenbauer to Caltrans Districts 7 and 8, it would be a fitting
21 tribute to designate the reconstructed Fifth Street Bridge in San
22 Bernardino as the John Knabenbauer Fifth Street Bridge; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
26 Fifth Street Bridge on Interstate 215 in San Bernardino as the John
27 Knabenbauer Fifth Street Bridge; and be it further

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

34 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
35 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
36 author for appropriate distribution.

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