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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 165

Introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee
(Coauthor: Senator Strickland)

May 18, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 165—Relative to the Mayor Dick DeWees Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 165, as amended, Blakeslee. Mayor Dick DeWees Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 246 in *and east of* the City of Lompoc as the Mayor Dick DeWees Memorial Highway. 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, Dick DeWees was elected Mayor of the City of
- 2 Lompoc on November 3, 1998, and served six consecutive terms
- 3 until he passed away on July 30, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees was born in 1948 in Mount
- 5 Clemens, Michigan; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees conducted his undergraduate and
2 postgraduate studies at Eastern Michigan University, majoring in
3 dramatic arts; and

4 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees worked as an actor and director
5 in over 60 plays and musicals, appeared on local television and
6 radio programs, and was a voiceover artist in hundreds of
7 commercials; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees served as master of ceremonies
9 of, and performed with, the Lompoc Pops Orchestra for over a
10 decade; and

11 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees served in a variety of positions in
12 marketing, sales, and administration during 20 years in the
13 broadcasting industry; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees started his own advertising
15 consulting firm and received the Sam Walton Business Leader
16 Award; and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees taught public speaking at the
18 Lompoc Valley Center of Allan Hancock College; and

19 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees served on a variety of boards and
20 committees and represented the City of Lompoc on the Santa
21 Barbara County Association of Governments and the Local Agency
22 Formation Commission; and

23 WHEREAS, Dick DeWees loved being Mayor of Lompoc,
24 which he often said was the perfect job for him; and

25 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees led the City of Lompoc through
26 many complex and significant achievements, including a settlement
27 agreement with Cachuma contractors that brings more water
28 releases to the Lompoc Valley, improving water and wastewater
29 systems, stabilizing electric rates, extending the life of the city's
30 landfill, increasing the police force, expanding parks, annexing
31 the Wye area and entering into a cooperative agreement with
32 Mission Hills to provide water and sewer services in the Wye area,
33 building an award-winning aquatic center, opening a new
34 community center, building a skateboard park, and successfully
35 managing the potential computer risks referred to as Y2K; and

36 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees worked together with the Lompoc
37 City Council to deal with illegal dumping, graffiti, congregate
38 living, medicinal marijuana, truck parking, beach closures, fencing,
39 budgets, labor contracts, reorganizations, low-income housing and
40 housing in-lieu fees, development impact fees, utility rates,

1 Community Development Block Grants, facilitating urban county
2 status for Santa Barbara County, economic development, bus
3 service, airport improvements, library funding, cable television
4 franchises and public television, historic preservation, state and
5 local ballot initiatives, WiFi, sidewalks, wineries, bikeways, energy
6 conservation, water conservation, animal control, police dogs, and
7 detox centers; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees is survived by his wife of over 30
9 years, Jane, his children, Nathan and Anna, their spouses, Javon
10 and Jeremy, and two granddaughters, Emma and Madelyn, who
11 were the light of his life; and

12 WHEREAS, In recognition of Mayor DeWees' great
13 contributions and service to the City of Lompoc, and its people
14 whom he loved, it would be a fitting tribute to designate a portion
15 of State Highway Route 246, in the City of Lompoc, as the Mayor
16 Dick DeWees Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
19 portion of State Highway Route 246 from mile marker 9.56, the
20 ~~westerly Buellton city limit, to mile marker R25.04, the East East~~
21 *Junction Route 01/246, in the City of Lompoc, to mile marker*
22 *R13.65, La Purisima (Golf Course), east of the City of Lompoc* as
23 the Mayor Dick DeWees Memorial Highway; and be it further

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

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
31 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
32 author for appropriate distribution.

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