

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 13, 2010

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 84

Introduced by Senator Aanestad

March 4, 2010

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84—Relative to the Patricia Ann Weston Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 84, as amended, Aanestad. Patricia Ann Weston Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 99 in Sutter County as the Patricia Ann Weston Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston was born on July 19, 1951,
- 2 in Mount Pleasant, Michigan; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston graduated from the Central
- 4 Michigan University in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree
- 5 in Earth Science, Geography; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston moved to California in 1974;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston attended the University of
- 9 California, Davis, from June 1976 to September 1977; and

1 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston started her career in
2 transportation with the Sacramento Area Regional Planning
3 Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston began her career with the
5 Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on January 9, 1979, in
6 planning in the Marysville District 3 Office, transferred to the
7 headquarters Division of Mass Transportation, and finally
8 transferred to the headquarters Division of Transportation Planning
9 as the Office Chief of Advance System Planning and Economics
10 on January 4, 1993; and

11 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston was a champion and advocate
12 for rural agencies working to ensure that rural projects were
13 included in the State Transportation Improvement Program; and

14 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston changed state transportation
15 planning by being instrumental in not only the development of the
16 Transportation Development Act, an act that provides funding to
17 counties and cities for transit projects, but also in assisting the
18 State of California in securing the initial Urban Mass
19 Transportation Administration (UMTA) grants that provided
20 funding to private and nonprofit groups for handicap services; and

21 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston wrote the 1998 Interregional
22 Strategic Plan, a plan that describes the framework by which the
23 state carries out its responsibilities for the Interregional
24 Transportation Improvement Program and identifies how the
25 Department of Transportation works with regional agencies in
26 gaining consensus on the prioritized improvements contained in
27 the program; and

28 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston was instrumental in writing
29 GoCalifornia and the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan, which
30 established the framework for the subsequent Proposition 1B
31 Program; and

32 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston mentored generations of
33 planners and engineers at both the Department of Transportation
34 and at transportation planning agencies and private planning firms
35 statewide, freely sharing her experiences, expertise, wisdom, and
36 extreme professionalism with all who endeavored to become more
37 than they were; and

38 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston dedicated 30 years of service
39 to the State of California and all who travel on its transportation
40 systems, spending her life improving those systems, and making

1 travel options more accessible, faster, and safer for the traveling
2 public; and

3 WHEREAS, On September 8, 2009, Patricia Ann Weston
4 peacefully and quietly passed away following a short illness; and

5 WHEREAS, It is important and fitting that the State of California
6 pay tribute to, and commemorate the extraordinary life and memory
7 of, Patricia Ann Weston; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
10 portion of State Highway Route 99 in Sutter County, from post
11 mile ~~30.63 to post mile 39.58~~ 36 to post mile 40, inclusive, as the
12 Patricia Ann Weston Memorial Highway; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
14 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
15 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
16 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
17 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
18 further

19 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
20 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
21 author for appropriate distribution.