

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 55**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner**

May 5, 2011

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 55—Relative to the Eastshore State Park.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 55, as introduced, Skinner. Eastshore State Park: renaming.

This measure would request that the Department of Parks and Recreation rename the Eastshore State Park as the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The allocation of \$25 million in state funds,  
2 combined with funding from Eastbay Regional Park District's  
3 Measure AA, provided the monetary assistance needed to secure  
4 the acquisition of land now known as Eastshore State Park; and  
5 WHEREAS, This park is an 8.5 mile ribbon of parkland that  
6 occupies the shoreline in the cities of Oakland, Emeryville,  
7 Berkeley, Albany, and Richmond. Furthermore, Eastshore State  
8 Park is a region that encompasses 2,002 acres of tidelands and  
9 accompanied by 260 acres of upland area alongside the Bay of  
10 San Francisco; and  
11 WHEREAS, The Eastshore State Park's emergence came from  
12 decades of grassroots environmental activism by San Francisco  
13 Bay area citizens fighting to halt the filling of the bay. One of the  
14 most influential organizations involved in the creation of Eastshore  
15 State Park is a group known as the Citizens for East Shore Parks.

1 This organization was cofounded by an environmentalist by the  
2 name of Sylvia McLaughlin; and

3 WHEREAS, Over the last four decades, Sylvia McLaughlin has  
4 been influential in many other ecological efforts to safeguard the  
5 San Francisco Bay region. Furthermore, Sylvia McLaughlin  
6 cofounded Save the San Francisco Bay Association in 1961, which  
7 is an organization that was critically involved with protecting the  
8 San Francisco Bay area's 2,000 acres from becoming a proposed  
9 dumpsite. These grassroots actions subsequently lead to the signing  
10 of the McAteer-Petris Act of 1965 (Title 7.2 (commencing with  
11 Section 66600) of the Government Code), which mandated the  
12 preservation of the San Francisco Bay and the protection of the  
13 bay from haphazard filling. The McAteer-Petris Act also  
14 established the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development  
15 Commission, a state agency entrusted to safeguard the San  
16 Francisco Bay; and

17 WHEREAS, As a tribute to Sylvia McLaughlin's extensive  
18 environmental activism and her strong role in saving the San  
19 Francisco Bay, and in recognition of her efforts in creating  
20 Eastshore State Park, the Legislature urges the Department of Parks  
21 and Recreation to rename the Eastshore State Park as the  
22 McLaughlin Eastshore State Park; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby honors Sylvia  
25 McLaughlin by requesting that the Department of Parks and  
26 Recreation rename the Eastshore State Park as the McLaughlin  
27 Eastshore State Park; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
29 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.