
Introduced by Senator Blakeslee

March 21, 2011

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26—Relative to the Vietnam Veterans of America Central Coast Chapter Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 26, as introduced, Blakeslee. Vietnam Veterans of America Central Coast Chapter Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified location on State Highway Route 1 in the City of Guadalupe in Santa Barbara County as the Vietnam Veterans of America Central Coast Chapter 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, State Highway Route 1 is a highway running north
2 to south, spanning most of California, from the City of San Juan
3 Capistrano to Mendocino County; and
4 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 1 has a strong historical
5 significance for the military personnel of the Vietnam War era as
6 it passes through the central coast region, and is home to many
7 veterans' museums and memorials; and
8 WHEREAS, The State of California has the largest United States
9 veteran population in the nation, making California home to more
10 than 7,000,000 veterans and dependents representing more than
11 10 percent of California's population; and

1 WHEREAS, More California residents currently serve as active
2 duty military personnel than do residents of any other state; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 350,000 California veterans served in
4 the Vietnam War, 40,000 of whom were wounded and 5,822 of
5 whom were missing in action or killed, representing more than 10
6 percent of the nation's total casualties in that war; and

7 WHEREAS, More California residents gave their lives in the
8 Vietnam War than residents of any other state, and more
9 Californians were awarded the Medal of Honor, the Bronze Star,
10 or the Purple Heart than veterans of any other state; and

11 WHEREAS, 220 young men and women from the City of
12 Guadalupe served their country in the Vietnam War, three of whom
13 bravely made the ultimate sacrifice; and

14 WHEREAS, The residents of Santa Barbara County wish to
15 express their gratitude and appreciation for the sacrifices these
16 Vietnam veterans made for their country by creating a veterans
17 recognition corridor that hopefully will become an ongoing
18 memorial for veterans and their families; and

19 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the section of State
20 Highway Route 1 that runs through the City of Guadalupe be
21 designated the Vietnam Veterans of America Central Coast Chapter
22 Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates that
25 portion of State Highway Route 1 in the City of Guadalupe, in
26 Santa Barbara County, the Vietnam Veterans of America Central
27 Coast Chapter Memorial Highway; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That signs designating the Vietnam Veterans of
29 America Central Coast Chapter Memorial Highway be placed
30 along southbound State Highway Route 1 at the San Luis Obispo
31 County and Santa Barbara County line, and northbound at the
32 intersection of State Highway Route 166 and State Highway Route
33 1; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
35 to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent
36 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
37 showing these special designations, and upon receiving donations
38 from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those
39 plaques and markers; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
2 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
3 author for appropriate distribution.

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