

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 25, 2011

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 26

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 amended, 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

1 than 7,000,000 veterans and dependents representing more than
2 10 percent of California's population; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 *Resolved*, That signs designating the Vietnam Veterans ~~of~~
31 ~~America Central Coast Chapter~~ Memorial Highway be placed
32 along southbound State Highway Route 1 at the San Luis Obispo
33 County and Santa Barbara County line, and northbound at the
34 intersection of State Highway Route 166 and State Highway Route
35 1; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
37 to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent
38 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
39 showing these special designations, and upon receiving donations

1 from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those
2 plaques and markers; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
4 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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