

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 90

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26—Relative to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 26, Blakeslee. Vietnam Veterans 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 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.

WHEREAS, State Highway Route 1 is a highway running north to south, spanning most of California, from the City of San Juan Capistrano to Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, State Highway Route 1 has a strong historical significance for the military personnel of the Vietnam War era as it passes through the central coast region, and is home to many veterans' museums and memorials; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has the largest United States veteran population in the nation, making California home to more than 7,000,000 veterans and dependents representing more than 10 percent of California's population; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The residents of Santa Barbara County wish to express their gratitude and appreciation for the sacrifices these Vietnam veterans made

for their country by creating a veterans recognition corridor that hopefully will become an ongoing memorial for veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the section of State Highway Route 1 that runs through the City of Guadalupe be designated the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates that portion of State Highway Route 1 in the City of Guadalupe, in Santa Barbara County, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway; and be it further

*Resolved,* That signs designating the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway be placed along southbound State Highway Route 1 at the San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County line, and northbound at the intersection of State Highway Route 166 and State Highway Route 1; and be it further

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

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