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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 79

Introduced by Senator Lieu

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 79—Relative to the Honorable Jenny Oropeza Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 79, as amended, Lieu. Honorable Jenny Oropeza Memorial Overcrossing.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 1 in the County of Los Angeles as the Honorable Jenny Oropeza

Memorial Overcrossing. 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, Jenny Oropeza was a lifelong public servant; and

2 WHEREAS, Jenny Oropeza was active in her community and
3 was elected to the Long Beach Unified School District Board of
4 Education, the Long Beach City Council, the California State
5 Assembly, and finally to the California State Senate; and

6 WHEREAS, During her time as a member of the California
7 Legislature, Jenny Oropeza was a champion for public
8 transportation, health care, education, clean air, equality, and
9 prevention of cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, Former Senator Oropeza was so admired by her
11 constituents and community that since her death she has been
12 honored by the Democratic Women's Study Club in Long Beach,
13 which posthumously awarded her the Political Leadership Award.
14 In future years the award will be called the Jenny Oropeza Political
15 Leadership Award. Additionally, the Long Beach Community
16 Hispanic Association (Centro CHA) posthumously awarded
17 Senator Oropeza the Create Change Community Service Excellence
18 Award, which will in future years be called the Create Change:
19 Jenny Oropeza Community Service Excellence Award; and

20 WHEREAS, In recognition of former Senator Oropeza, the Long
21 Beach Lambda Democratic Club created the Jenny Oropeza Ally
22 of the Year Award, which was, similar to the two previously
23 mentioned awards, first awarded in 2011; and

24 WHEREAS, As a tribute to former Senator Oropeza's dedication
25 to fostering protections for key state public health programs, the
26 Los Angeles County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, in
27 joint collaboration with the six other California-based Komen
28 affiliates, known as "the California Collaborative," established the
29 Senator Jenny Oropeza Public Policy Internship position; and

30 WHEREAS, The City of Long Beach named the community
31 center in Cesar E. Chavez Park the Jenny Oropeza Community
32 Center and the Los Angeles Unified School District dedicated the
33 Jenny Oropeza Global Studies Academy at the Rancho Dominguez
34 Preparatory School; and

1 WHEREAS, Shortly after taking office in 2000, then Assembly
2 Member Oropeza, became aware that the Alameda Corridor would
3 open in 2002 and all the planned bridges, designed to prevent cars
4 from having to wait for trains to pass at street level, would be
5 completed, except the bridge on State Highway Route 1 (Pacific
6 Coast Highway) in the community of Wilmington, the busiest
7 route along the Alameda Corridor; and

8 WHEREAS, At the time, State Highway Route 1 bisected the
9 Equilon Refinery and was therefore the most complicated and
10 expensive bridge to build. Furthermore, there was not enough
11 funding available to complete the bridge on State Highway Route
12 1; and

13 WHEREAS, Former Assembly Member Oropeza brought
14 together the interested parties, including the California Department
15 of Transportation, the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority,
16 the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Equilon Refinery,
17 the Union Pacific Railroad, and the City of Los Angeles to solve
18 this problem and was able to help facilitate \$107 million in funding
19 from a combination of sources which included state transportation
20 funds, state Proposition 116 bond funds, federal demonstration
21 funds, Metropolitan Transportation Authority funds, and railroad
22 funds; and

23 WHEREAS, Former Assembly Member Oropeza was also
24 successful in her pursuit to have the long bridge built. This design
25 not only eliminated the train and car conflicts on the Alameda
26 Corridor, but also eliminated these same conflicts on Alameda
27 Street and the San Pedro Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad;
28 now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
31 portion of State Highway Route 1 that runs between Coil Street
32 and the east side of the main entrance to the Tesoro Refinery, in
33 the community of Wilmington in the County of Los Angeles, as
34 the Honorable Jenny Oropeza Memorial Overcrossing; and be it
35 further

36 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
37 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
38 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
39 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate

- 1 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
- 2 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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