

**Introduced by Senator Vargas**

June 25, 2012

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99—Relative to the Stephen Palmer Sr. Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 99, as introduced, Vargas. Stephen Palmer Sr. Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 94 in the County of San Diego as the Stephen Palmer Sr. 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, Caltrans Imperial Landscape Crew member Stephen
- 2 Palmer Sr. was born to Robert and Dorothea Palmer on November
- 3 24, 1946, in Lima, Peru. Stephen Palmer Sr. served in the United
- 4 States Navy from July 21, 1964, to November 22, 1967; and
- 5 WHEREAS, On November 26, 1975, Stephen Palmer Sr.
- 6 married his wife, Bertha Rios, a native of San Diego; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Stephen Palmer Sr. began working for the
- 8 Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in 2007, where he quickly
- 9 worked his way into playing an integral role and became a proud
- 10 member of District 11's Imperial Landscape Crew; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Stephen Palmer Sr. died from injuries sustained
- 12 after being struck by a trolley car in the National City area of San
- 13 Diego, while on the job, on May 4, 2011; and

1 WHEREAS, Now, at the maintenance yard where the Imperial  
 2 Landscape Crew gets together, the chair where Stephen sat stands  
 3 empty. It serves as a reminder of how precious life is, and it brings  
 4 to mind the man who gave his life serving the citizens of California;  
 5 and

6 WHEREAS, Stephen Palmer Sr. treasured his family and did  
 7 all he possibly could for each and every one of them; and

8 WHEREAS, Stephen Palmer Sr. was 64 years old and is  
 9 survived by his wife, Bertha, their sons, Stephen Jr., who also  
 10 works for District 11 Maintenance, Richard Asperin, and Gilbert  
 11 Asperin, daughter, Sherry Yafuso, sisters, Judy, Clare, and Mary,  
 12 brothers, Bob, Paul, and David, and 13 grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, In recognition of Stephen Palmer Sr.'s great  
 14 contributions, service, and sacrifice in service of Caltrans and the  
 15 citizens of California, it would be a fitting tribute to designate a  
 16 portion of State Highway Route 94 in the County of San Diego in  
 17 honor of Stephen Palmer Sr.; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
 19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
 20 portion of State Highway Route 94 between Old Campo Road and  
 21 Melody Road in the County of San Diego as the Stephen Palmer  
 22 Sr. Memorial Highway; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
 24 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the  
 25 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this  
 26 special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate  
 27 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
 28 further

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