

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 102

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 120

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 102—Relative to the Ranger Patricia M. Scully Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 102, Yee. Ranger Patricia M. Scully Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 1, as the Ranger Patricia M. Scully 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, California Parks and Recreation Service Ranger Patricia M. Scully was born April 8, 1951, in Sacramento, California, to Patrick and Eileen Scully. She was raised on a poultry ranch owned by the Scully family in Rio Linda, California; and

WHEREAS, Ranger Scully graduated from Rio Linda High School in June of 1969. She attended American River College for two years where she played on the field hockey team with her sister Mary, and then transferred to California State University, Sacramento, where she received her bachelor of arts degree in social science and anthropology (archaeology) in January 1974. She was an outstanding student and received scholarships and awards of merit for her academic achievements; and

WHEREAS, At the time of her untimely death, Ranger Scully was working on a master of science degree in anthropology and environmental resources at California State University, Sacramento, and had completed all coursework and lacked only a thesis; and

WHEREAS, Ranger Scully joined the California Parks and Recreation Service in 1974, now named the Department of Parks and Recreation. In late 1974, she graduated from the Parks and Recreation Academy (the Mott Training Center in Asilomar) after six weeks of training. She was one of two women among the 38 cadets in academy class 18. Her first assignment after graduation was to the Big Basin State Park where she received additional (interpretative) training; and

WHEREAS, Ranger Scully's last assignment was as a State Park Ranger 1 at the Pescadero State Park in Half Moon Bay on the San Mateo coast. When not working, she worked on a historical survey of Ano Nuevo State Beach. She was dedicated to the preservation of the environment and the education of the park visitor. She was a nine-year veteran of the Department of Parks and Recreation at the time of her death; and

WHEREAS, While on patrol at San Mateo Coast State Beaches, Half Moon Bay, Ranger Scully was killed by a drunk driver on May 6, 1976. She became the second female law enforcement officer to be killed in California; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize Ranger Scully's years of dedicated service to the Department of Parks and Recreation and to raise awareness about the service risks present to all peace officers, including rangers with the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Besides her parents, Patrick and Eileen Scully, Ranger Scully, was survived by four sisters, Kathleen Pooler, West Sacramento; Mary and Teresa Scully, Rio Linda; and Margaret Scully, Berkeley; one brother, Thomas Scully, Santa Cruz; and her fiancée, Park Ranger Leslie Cowie of Stockton; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 1 between State Highway Route 84 (San Gregorio Road) at postmile 18.189 and Verde Road/Lobitos Creek Road at postmile 22.662, as the Ranger Patricia M. Scully Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; 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.