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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 92

Introduced by Assembly Member Hall

February 5, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 92—Relative to the Wilmington Marquee.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 92, as amended, Hall. Wilmington Marquee.

This measure would request the Department of Transportation to issue an encroachment permit to enable the placement of a suitable monument, referred to as the Wilmington Marquee, at a specified location on State Highway Route 1 in the community of Wilmington in the City of Los Angeles, with design and placement of the monument to be consistent with the standards of the department and funding to be from nonstate funds.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, ~~The Wilmington Harbor City Community~~ *historic*
2 ~~community of Wilmington is located in the City of Los Angeles~~
3 ~~includes the historic neighborhoods of Wilmington and Harbor~~
4 ~~City; Angeles; and~~
5 WHEREAS, Wilmington was an incorporated city prior to its
6 consolidation into the City of Los Angeles in 1909; and
7 WHEREAS, ~~Wilmington Harbor City~~ *Wilmington* is located
8 on land that once belonged to Rancho San Pedro, which was
9 granted to Juan Jose Dominguez in 1784, and Wilmington was
10 once known as New San Pedro; and

1 WHEREAS, William Sanford, John Downey, and Benjamin
2 Wilson purchased the land upon which Wilmington was later
3 developed from a descendent of the original owner, Manuel
4 Dominguez; and

5 WHEREAS, A wharf was developed at the foot of what is now
6 Avalon Boulevard by Phineas Banning, who arrived in California
7 in 1851 and contributed greatly toward Wilmington's development;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The wharf and associated warehouses were opened
10 in 1858 and functioned as a sheltered location at which to receive
11 cargo; and

12 WHEREAS, The name of the town of New San Pedro was
13 changed to Wilmington in 1863 to honor Mr. Banning's hometown
14 of Wilmington, Delaware; and

15 WHEREAS, Harry Bridges Boulevard in Wilmington is named
16 after Australian longshoreman Harry Bridges, who eventually
17 became a union leader, established the International
18 Longshoreman's and Warehousemen's Union in 1937, and was
19 involved with what became known as the Big Strike that began in
20 San Francisco in 1934 and halted work at ports along the Pacific
21 Coast; and

22 WHEREAS, The Big Strike ended up being a victory for labor
23 unions and brought increased wages and improved working
24 conditions for the workers; and

25 WHEREAS, By the 1950s, Wilmington became known for its
26 influential labor unions, with local headquarters for the
27 International Longshoreman's and Warehousemen's Union and
28 the International Organization of Masters, Mates, and Pilots located
29 in the area; and

30 WHEREAS, It is desirable to recognize the history of the
31 community of Wilmington and its location through development
32 of the Wilmington Marquee, pursuant to the concept plans of
33 October 19, 2012, as they may be revised, which marquee would
34 be a monument stating "Welcome to Wilmington," to be located
35 at 1345 West Pacific Coast Highway, on State Highway Route 1
36 near its intersection with State Highway Route 110; now, therefore,
37 be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
39 *thereof concurring,* That the Department of Transportation is
40 hereby requested to issue an encroachment permit to an appropriate

1 party to enable the placement of a suitable monument pursuant to
2 the concept plans for the Wilmington Marquee at 1345 West Pacific
3 Coast Highway (State Highway Route 1) in the community of
4 Wilmington in the City of Los Angeles; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the design and placement of the monument shall
6 be consistent with the standards of the Department of
7 Transportation and funding of the monument shall be from nonstate
8 funds; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
10 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
11 for appropriate distribution.

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