

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 12, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 38

Introduced by Senator Hueso
(Coauthor: Senator Anderson)

April 18, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38—Relative to the Stephen Palmer Sr. Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 38, as amended, Hueso. 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, and served in the United States Navy
4 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

1 WHEREAS, Stephen Palmer Sr. died from injuries sustained
2 after being struck by a trolley car in the National City area of San
3 Diego, while on the job, on May 4, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Now, at the maintenance yard where the Imperial
5 Landscape Crew ~~gets together~~, *gathers*, the chair where Stephen
6 sat stands empty, serving as a reminder of how precious life is,
7 and bringing to mind the man who gave his life serving the citizens
8 of California; and

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

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

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

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

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

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