

Introduced by Senator Steinberg

March 6, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 95—Relative to the Kirk Breed Memorial Race Track.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 95, as introduced, Steinberg. Kirk Breed Memorial Race Track. This measure would designate the State Fair Race Track located on the grounds of the California Exposition and State Fair in the City of Sacramento as the Kirk Breed Memorial Race Track. The measure would request the Board of Directors of the California Exposition and State Fair to determine the cost of placing an appropriate memorial plaque marking this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect that memorial plaque.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Kirk Eldridge Breed was born on November 16,
- 2 1939, in Choctaw, Oklahoma; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Kirk Breed, in his early life, developed a passion
- 4 for horses through participation in their breaking, training, racing,
- 5 and sale; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Kirk Breed began a long career in public service
- 7 in 1963, when he was selected to the first class of President John
- 8 F. Kennedy’s Peace Corps, serving four years in the Republic of
- 9 Columbia, before being appointed Director of the Peace Corps in
- 10 the Republic of Chile for five years; and
- 11 WHEREAS, In 1979, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. appointed
- 12 Kirk Breed General Manager of the California Exposition and
- 13 State Fair; and

1 WHEREAS, Under Kirk Breed’s leadership, the State Fair grew
2 into one of the nation’s premier agricultural events; and

3 WHEREAS, Kirk Breed continued his service to the state,
4 serving eight years as a member of the Board of Directors of the
5 California Exposition and State Fair; and

6 WHEREAS, Kirk Breed furthered his state service as a Senior
7 Consultant to the Assembly Committee on Governmental
8 Organization, where he drafted legislation relating to the horse
9 industry; and

10 WHEREAS, Kirk Breed continued to demonstrate his passion
11 and commitment to horses, horse racing, horse industry practices,
12 and higher safety standards at racetracks as a lobbyist representing
13 the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Racing Association and Ray
14 Cammack Shows, among other clients; and

15 WHEREAS, Kirk Breed again returned to state service as
16 Executive Director of the California Horse Racing Board, and was
17 widely known for his unshakeable efforts to improve the health
18 and safety of racehorses across the state; and

19 WHEREAS, Kirk Breed passed away on August 7, 2013, at 73
20 years of age, after a brave battle with cancer; now, therefore, be
21 it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
23 *thereof concurring,* That the California Legislature hereby
24 designates the State Fair Race Track located on the grounds of the
25 California Exposition and State Fair in the City of Sacramento as
26 the Kirk Breed Memorial Race track; and be it further

27 *Resolved,* That the Board of Directors of the California
28 Exposition and State Fair is requested, upon receiving donations
29 from nonstate sources covering its cost, to place a memorial plaque
30 marking this special designation; and be it further

31 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
32 this resolution to the Board of Directors of the California
33 Exposition and State Fair and to the author for appropriate
34 distribution.