
Introduced by Senator Evans
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Chesbro)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 113—Relative to the Bicyclist John Mello Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 113, as introduced, Evans. Bicyclist John Mello Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate each of the Mad River Bridges on State Highway Route 101, in the County of Humboldt, as the Bicyclist John Mello Memorial Bridge. 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, John Mello was the kind of man that forms the
2 backbone and fabric of a community. He was a loving and devoted
3 father, grandfather, and friend, who is survived by his brother, Joe,
4 his sister, Lina, his daughter, Angie, his son Brian, and his
5 grandchildren, Ryan, Justin, Ricky, Ariaah, and Preston; and
6 WHEREAS, John set a fine example for all in our state with his
7 unselfish generosity and unconditional love, support, and friendship
8 to his children and grandchildren; and
9 WHEREAS, John set an example to everyone who knew him
10 with his integrity, knowledge, loyalty, humor, compassion, work
11 ethic, and athletic ability. His passions included cycling, hunting,
12 and camping, but most of all his family; and

1 WHEREAS, John would drop whatever he was doing to help a
2 family member or friend in any way he could and was thoughtful,
3 generous, and never more than a phone call away; and

4 WHEREAS, John was a skilled heavy equipment mechanic
5 whose life was tragically cut short while pursuing one of his many
6 interests, long distance bicycling. He was fatally struck by a
7 county-owned truck on Sunday, February 23, 2013, that, according
8 to the report filed by the Department of the California Highway
9 Patrol, made an unsafe turn and was the primary cause of the
10 accident; and

11 WHEREAS, John was an example to all cyclists, not only with
12 his enthusiasm for the sport, but also for his careful adherence to
13 the rules of the road. He was observed by law enforcement shortly
14 before he was struck near Patrick's Point State Park as riding
15 carefully and lawfully; and

16 WHEREAS, The memory of John Mello serves as an inspiration
17 to everyone that it is the little things in life that we do for each
18 other that are often the most meaningful; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates each
21 of the Mad River Bridges on State Highway Route 101, Bridge
22 No. 4-0025R (northbound) and Bridge 4-0025L (southbound), in
23 the County of Humboldt, as the Bicyclist John Mello Memorial
24 Bridge; and be it further

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

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