

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 113

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Relative to the Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 4, Waldron. Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 76 in the County of San Diego as the Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway. The 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 the cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was a real cowboy and cattle rancher, who embraced the values of the Old West, but also understood the demands and markets of today's world; and

WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was part owner of Homegrown Cattle Company, Homegrown Meats, My Country Club Hunting Ranch, and La Jolla Butcher Shop in La Jolla; and

WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was a man who was quiet, but friendly, dependable, resourceful, devoted to his family, and always ready to help someone who needed it; and

WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall's family history dates back to the first homesteaders of the Palomar Mountain area in the mid-1800s; and

WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall's work ethic was based on doing what was needed to get the job done, never punching a clock, often working well into the night in all kinds of weather, and demonstrating self-sufficiency and a willingness to be there for others who needed help; and

WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall always knew where the bass were biting, the eagles were nesting, the turkeys were roosting, the big bucks were in rut, or where a mountain lion might be prowling; and

WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was comfortable on a good horse, skilled at roping and wielding a branding iron, and enjoyed competition between himself and his dad for big buck bragging rights; and

WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was always the first to help a young lady bag her first deer, an old hunter drag out a downed buck, or offer amazingly detailed instructions on where to set up for opening day of turkey season; and

WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall died in a tragic ranching accident on September 2, 2013, at 30 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall is survived by his wife, Jenna, his three young daughters, and his parents, Frank and Janice Mendenhall, and will be missed by his family and many friends, outdoorsmen, ranchers, business partners, and the community of which he was a treasured part; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates that portion of State Highway Route 76 from post mile 47.790, starting at County Route S-7, East Grade Road, west to post mile 42.790 in the County of San Diego, as the Joel Mendenhall 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 that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

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