

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 8

Introduced by Assembly Member Wood

January 15, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 8—Relative to the SO1 United States Navy (SEAL) Jesse D. Pittman Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 8, as introduced, Wood. SO1 United States Navy (SEAL) Jesse D. Pittman Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate a specified bridge located on the Highway 101 Willits Bypass in the County of Mendocino as the SO1 United States Navy (SEAL) Jesse D. Pittman Memorial Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Jesse D. Pittman was born in Arcata, California
- 2 and raised in the town of Willits, California. After graduating from
- 3 Willits High School in 2002, Jesse spent two seasons as a wildland
- 4 firefighter with CAL-FIRE before he joined the United States Navy
- 5 in 2005 to become a SEAL commando. Jesse was as renowned
- 6 for his practical jokes as he was for his bravery and discipline. As
- 7 a Navy SEAL, Jesse went on missions both dangerous and top
- 8 secret; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Jesse, who spent most of his life in the town of
- 10 Willits in the County of Mendocino, died August 6, 2011, in

1 Taliban territory when the Chinook helicopter that carried him and
2 30 other American troops was shot down. It was the deadliest
3 incident for United States Armed Forces since the war in
4 Afghanistan began a decade ago. He was 27 years of age when he
5 died, a Navy petty officer first class and a member of the San
6 Diego-based SEAL Team 5, where he was affectionately known
7 as “Pitt”; and

8 WHEREAS, Wise beyond his years, Jesse did the things he
9 loved the best and chose careers that demanded skill and physical
10 excellence. Jesse had a saying among his Navy SEAL teammates,
11 “I don’t run, I charge,” which is exactly how he lived his life. He
12 embodied the Navy SEAL creed that SEALs are common men
13 with an uncommon desire to succeed; and

14 WHEREAS, Jesse was highly decorated by the United States
15 Navy. He received all of the following awards: the Joint Service
16 Commendation Medal with “V” device for valor, the Navy
17 Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal (2), the
18 Combat Action Ribbon, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the
19 Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal,
20 the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service
21 Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Rifle
22 Marksmanship Medal, the Pistol Marksmanship Medal, the Purple
23 Heart, and the Bronze Star with Valor; and

24 WHEREAS, Jesse was laid to rest on August 30, 2011, at Fort
25 Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, California. He is
26 survived by his parents, J. Pittman, Sr. and Ida Pittman, and his
27 brothers, J. Pittman, Jr. and Corey Pittman; and

28 WHEREAS, Designating Bridge No. 01-0165, the mile-long
29 viaduct still under construction, on the Highway 101 Willits Bypass
30 project in the County of Mendocino as the SO1 (SEAL) Jesse D.
31 Pittman Memorial Bridge would be an appropriate honor for a
32 local American hero; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates Bridge
35 No. 01-0165 located on the Highway 101 Willits Bypass in the
36 County of Mendocino as the SO1 United States Navy (SEAL)
37 Jesse D. Pittman Memorial Bridge; and be it further

38 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
39 to determine the cost of erecting appropriate signs, consistent with
40 the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing

1 this special designation and, upon receiving donations from
2 nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
3 further

4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
5 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
6 author for appropriate distribution.

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