

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 53

Introduced by Assembly Member Dahle
(Coauthors: Senators Gaines and Nielsen)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 53—Relative to the Richard “Dick” Dickerson Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 53, as introduced, Dahle. Richard “Dick” Dickerson Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate State Route 44 from Airport Road to East Street in the City of Redding as the Richard “Dick” Dickerson 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 that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Richard “Dick” Dickerson had an exemplary career
- 2 in law enforcement and as a government leader with service both
- 3 in the California State Assembly and the Redding City Council;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson served in the Assembly from 1998
- 6 to 2002, inclusive, representing the 2nd Assembly District, which
- 7 included the northern California Counties of Colusa, Glenn, Shasta,
- 8 Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and parts of the Counties of
- 9 Butte and Yolo. As a result of redistricting, the County of Shasta,

1 which includes the City of Redding, is now in the 1st Assembly
2 District; and

3 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson, a former 30-year law enforcement
4 officer, brought commonsense experience to the office and became
5 a voice for crime victims during his first term as vice chair of the
6 Assembly Committee on Public Safety; and

7 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson served as vice chair of the
8 Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife during both
9 of his terms in the Assembly. In negotiations with the Governor
10 during his first term, Dick Dickerson secured \$20 million to
11 complete studies on aboveground water storage as a major
12 concession for the legislative passage of water bond legislation;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson was a staunch supporter of the
15 proposed Sites Reservoir in Colusa County and raised awareness
16 among the Members of the Legislature that additional storage was
17 needed to meet the water supply needs of a growing state. Along
18 with the Northern California Water Association, he successfully
19 pushed forward the audit of California's land acquisition policies;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, While in the Assembly, Dick Dickerson retained
22 a seat on the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and
23 authored legislation to remove vegetation that had become
24 hazardous fuel so it could be used as energy-producing biomass;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, As a member of the Assembly Committee on
27 Budget specializing in the resources area, Dick Dickerson obtained
28 \$4.58 million for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
29 and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, known at
30 the time as the Department of Corrections, to pay for the
31 reactivation of fire crews composed of nonviolent inmates from
32 17 conservation camps throughout California. These inmates were
33 utilized for assistance with fighting fires, emergency flood work,
34 and environmental restoration, with seven of the camps located in
35 northern California and five located within Assembly Member
36 Dickerson's district; and

37 WHEREAS, During his time in the Assembly, Dick Dickerson
38 sat on more committees than any other Republican member. His
39 committee assignments throughout his term in office included
40 chair of the Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs, vice chair

1 of the Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife, and member of
2 the Committees on Natural Resources, Public Safety, Budget,
3 Governmental Organization, Insurance, Health, and Energy Costs
4 and Availability; and

5 WHEREAS, In the wake of the September 11, 2001, tragedy,
6 Dick Dickerson was appointed to the Task Force on Terrorism;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson served on nine select committees,
9 including CALFED, Juvenile Justice, Air and Water Quality,
10 California Indian Nations, California Wine, Protection of Inland
11 Waterways, Rural Economic Development, Department of Motor
12 Vehicles, and Gun Violence; and

13 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson authored 20 bills that were enacted
14 during his time in the Assembly. During the 2001 legislative year,
15 he had seven bills signed into law by Governor Gray Davis,
16 including legislation to increase the presence of deputies and
17 firefighters on our streets and in our communities, to enhance the
18 protection of children from molesters, and to provide assistance
19 for olive growers in their battle against the olive fruit fly.
20 Legislation authored by Dick Dickerson also established a rice
21 industry certification system that allowed California farmers to
22 compete globally. Also through legislation authored by Dick
23 Dickerson, local transportation dollars were returned to counties
24 that incurred savings on their construction projects; and

25 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson was an effective negotiator in the
26 2001 budget discussions, securing \$8 million for the economic
27 recovery in the Klamath Basin, a permanent sales tax exemption
28 on agriculture and forestry equipment and parts, a permanent tax
29 exemption on propane and agricultural diesel, \$500,000 of ongoing
30 funding for rural county sheriff's departments, \$70 million on tax
31 relief for senior citizens, and \$40 million in school equalization
32 funding; and

33 WHEREAS, The numerous awards and commendations Dick
34 Dickerson received throughout his tenure in the Assembly attest
35 to his stellar record of public service, including Awards of
36 Appreciation from the Far West Equipment Dealers Association,
37 Klamath Water Users Association, and Rice Producers of
38 California; and

1 WHEREAS, After serving in the Assembly, Dick Dickerson
2 served on the Redding City Council from 2004 to 2012, inclusive,
3 serving twice as mayor of the City of Redding; and

4 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson passed away on September 28,
5 2014, and is survived by his wife of 33 years, Betty, his four
6 children, Laurie Steele, Scott Dickerson, Scott Smithson, and
7 Karrie Haynes, his niece, Julie McClean, and his eight
8 grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Through his public service activities, Dick
10 Dickerson made a significant impact on the people of the former
11 2nd Assembly District, the City of Redding, and the State of
12 California, and he will be greatly missed by all those individuals
13 with whom he was associated; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
16 portion of State Route 44 from Airport Road to East Street in the
17 City of Redding as the Richard “Dick” Dickerson Memorial
18 Highway; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
20 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
21 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
22 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
23 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
24 further

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

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