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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 53

Introduced by Assembly Member Dahle

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April 6, 2015

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 53, as amended, 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,
10 which includes the City of Redding, is now in the 1st Assembly
11 District; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson served as vice chair of the
17 Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife during both
18 of his terms in the Assembly. In negotiations with the Governor
19 during his first term, Dick Dickerson secured \$20 million to
20 complete studies on aboveground water storage as a major
21 concession for the legislative passage of water bond legislation;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson was a staunch supporter of the
24 proposed Sites Reservoir in Colusa County and raised awareness
25 among the Members of the Legislature that additional storage was
26 needed to meet the water supply needs of a growing state. Along
27 with the Northern California Water Association, he successfully
28 pushed forward the audit of California’s land acquisition policies;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, While in the Assembly, Dick Dickerson retained
31 a seat on the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and
32 authored legislation to remove vegetation that had become
33 hazardous fuel so it could be used as energy-producing biomass;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, As a member of the Assembly Committee on
36 Budget specializing in the resources area, Dick Dickerson obtained
37 \$4.58 million for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
38 and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, known at

1 the time as the Department of Corrections, to pay for the
2 reactivation of fire crews composed of nonviolent inmates from
3 17 conservation camps throughout California. These inmates were
4 utilized for assistance with fighting fires, emergency flood work,
5 and environmental restoration, with seven of the camps located in
6 northern California and five located within Assembly Member
7 Dickerson’s district; and

8 WHEREAS, During his time in the Assembly, Dick Dickerson
9 sat on more committees than any other Republican member. His
10 committee assignments throughout his term in office included
11 chair of the Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs, vice chair
12 of the Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife, and member of
13 the Committees on Natural Resources, Public Safety, Budget,
14 Governmental Organization, Insurance, Health, and Energy Costs
15 and Availability; and

16 WHEREAS, In the wake of the September 11, 2001, tragedy,
17 Dick Dickerson was appointed to the Task Force on Terrorism;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson served on nine select committees,
20 including CALFED, Juvenile Justice, Air and Water Quality,
21 California Indian Nations, California Wine, Protection of Inland
22 Waterways, Rural Economic Development, Department of Motor
23 Vehicles, and Gun Violence; and

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

36 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson was an effective negotiator in the
37 2001 budget discussions, securing \$8 million for the economic
38 recovery in the Klamath Basin, a permanent sales tax exemption
39 on agriculture and forestry equipment and parts, a permanent tax
40 exemption on propane and agricultural diesel, \$500,000 of ongoing

1 funding for rural county sheriff’s departments, \$70 million on tax
2 relief for senior citizens, and \$40 million in school equalization
3 funding; and

4 WHEREAS, The numerous awards and commendations Dick
5 Dickerson received throughout his tenure in the Assembly attest
6 to his stellar record of public service, including Awards of
7 Appreciation from the Far West Equipment Dealers Association,
8 Klamath Water Users Association, and Rice Producers of
9 California; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson passed away on September 28,
14 2014, and is survived by his wife of 33 years, Betty, his four
15 children, Laurie Steele, Scott Dickerson, Scott Smithson, and
16 Karrie Haynes, his niece, Julie McClean, and his eight
17 grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Through his public service activities, Dick
19 Dickerson made a significant impact on the people of the former
20 2nd Assembly District, the City of Redding, and the State of
21 California, and he will be greatly missed by all those individuals
22 with whom he was associated; now, therefore, be it

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

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

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