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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 58

Introduced by Assembly Member Williams

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 58—Relative to memorial paths and access ways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 58, as amended, Williams. Ralph Fertig Memorial Bicycle-Pedestrian Path and the Peter Douglas Coastal Access Way.

This measure would designate the bicycle-pedestrian path constructed as part of the project to widen State Highway Route 101 in the County of Ventura as the Ralph Fertig Memorial Bicycle-Pedestrian Path and the pedestrian undercrossing of State Highway Route 101 in the community of La Conchita in the County of Ventura as the Peter Douglas Coastal Access Way.

The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing each of these special designations and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost of the signs for which the donations were made, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Ralph Fertig, a longtime bicycle advocate in Santa
2 Barbara of such consistency, durability, and selflessness that his
3 presence achieved an almost geologic aspect, passed away on July
4 18, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Ralph Fertig, a lynch-pin of bicycle activism in
6 the Santa Barbara area and statewide, raised the profile of bicycling
7 in Santa Barbara and was responsible for bringing the 1998 ProBike
8 conference to Santa Barbara; and

9 WHEREAS, Ralph Fertig also served as the Regional Director
10 of the California Association of Bicycling Organization (CABO)
11 for the Central Coast for many years; and

12 WHEREAS, Quiet, unassuming, and absolutely dogged, Ralph
13 Fertig made it his mission for more than 20 years to attend every
14 transportation planning meeting to bear witness to the need for
15 more space on the roads for bicycles; and

16 WHEREAS, To an uncommon extent, Ralph Fertig understood
17 the complicated anatomy of transportation funding; he knew where
18 the money was hidden, what it had been set aside for, and far better
19 than most, he understood the rules and regulations guiding the
20 expenditure of those funds; and

21 WHEREAS, Ralph Fertig was respectful, positive, and persistent
22 and was the first local bicycle advocate to consistently assess and
23 provide public comment on the needs of the bicycling community;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Peter Douglas, the former Executive Director of
26 the California Coastal Commission, passed away during the night
27 on Sunday, April 1, 2012, at his sister's home in La Quinta,
28 California at 69 years of age after a long battle with cancer; and

29 WHEREAS, Peter Douglas was the commission's
30 longest-serving executive director, a position he held from 1985
31 to 2011, inclusive. Prior to working for the commission, he served
32 in the Legislature as an aide to then-Assembly Member Alan
33 Siertoy (D-Beverly Hills), and as a committee consultant. During

1 that time he was responsible for the drafting and passage of
2 Proposition 20 (the Coastal Initiative) in 1972, as well as the
3 California Coastal Act of 1976 which created the California Coastal
4 Commission; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the decades, Peter Douglas' name has become
6 synonymous with coastal protection. His accomplishments are too
7 numerous to list, but he played a part in creating, acquiring, or
8 preserving many coastal parks and state beaches, campgrounds,
9 trails, and overnight hostels, including Crystal Cove, Garrapata,
10 Tollowa Dunes, Steep Ravine and Sea West State Parks, San
11 Onofre and Doheney Beach State Campgrounds, the Monterey
12 Bay Recreational Trail, the Avila Lighthouse Trail, the Point
13 Buchon Trail, and many others; and

14 WHEREAS, Peter Douglas also worked to protect California's
15 ocean waters from offshore oil development and other industrial
16 practices. During his 34-year tenure at the commission, Peter
17 Douglas earned the love, respect, and loyalty of his staff, and
18 inspired environmental advocates and stewards statewide and
19 beyond. He will be forever remembered for his kind heart and
20 unpredictable sense of humor; and

21 WHEREAS, Peter Douglas was the first recipient of the national
22 Julius A. Stratton "Champion of the Coast" award for leadership
23 in coastal management at Coastal Zone '95, an international,
24 biennial symposium on coastal zone management. He provided
25 technical assistance on coastal management issues to other
26 countries and served on the China-United States panel on integrated
27 coastal management and was a member of the first National
28 Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Science Advisory
29 Board and served on the National Academy of Sciences Committee
30 on Science and Policy for the Coastal Ocean; and

31 WHEREAS, In 2008, the Department of Transportation
32 approached the California Coastal Commission with a plan to
33 improve State Highway Route 101 in the Counties of Ventura and
34 Santa Barbara. This ambitious proposal involved adding a carpool
35 lane, bicycle lane, and a pedestrian undercrossing, and other safety
36 and access improvements. Peter Douglas suggested changes to the
37 project that involved a major redesign and, when all was said and
38 done, the department proceeded with his suggestions; now,
39 therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
3 bicycle-pedestrian path (Class 1 Bicycle path) constructed as part
4 of the project to widen State Highway Route 101 (US 101 Carpool
5 Lane Improvement Project), from Mobil Pier Road to Bates Road
6 in the County of Ventura, as the Ralph Fertig Memorial
7 Bicycle-Pedestrian Path; and be it further

8 *Resolved,* That the Legislature hereby designates the pedestrian
9 undercrossing of State Highway Route 101 in the community of
10 La Conchita in the County of Ventura as the Peter Douglas Coastal
11 Access Way; and be it further

12 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
13 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
14 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing each
15 of these special designations and, upon receiving donations from
16 nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost of the signs for which
17 the donations were made, to erect those signs; and be it further

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