

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 63**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein**  
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**Dodd, Gonzalez, Jones, Lackey, Waldron, and Weber)**  
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 63—Relative to the Tony Gwynn Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 63, as introduced, Maienschein. Tony Gwynn Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of Interstate 15 from Pomerado Road to Scripps Poway Parkway/Mercy Road in the County of San Diego as the Tony Gwynn 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, The greatest San Diego Padre of them all and one
- 2 of the greatest hitters in the history of Major League Baseball,
- 3 Tony Gwynn was the first ever unanimous selection to the Padres
- 4 Hall of Fame upon his retirement in 2001 and was inducted into
- 5 the National Baseball Hall of Fame in July 2007; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Tony Gwynn was named the head baseball coach
- 7 at San Diego State in September 2001, succeeding the head coach

1 for whom he played for three years during his collegiate baseball  
2 career. In 20 seasons (1982-2001), the man who will be forever  
3 known as “Mr. Padre” won a National League record-tying eight  
4 batting titles and was selected to 16 All-Star teams. The San Diego  
5 Padres retired his number 19 jersey in September 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of Long Beach, Tony Gwynn attended  
7 Long Beach Poly High School before arriving at San Diego State  
8 in 1977 as a highly recruited basketball point guard. After not  
9 playing baseball during his freshman year in order to concentrate  
10 on basketball, Tony Gwynn was given the chance to play baseball  
11 in 1979. Tony Gwynn became a two-time All-American outfielder  
12 and led the Aztecs in hitting in each of his final two seasons. Tony  
13 Gwynn was also a point guard for the Aztec men’s basketball team  
14 for four seasons and was named to the All-Western Athletic  
15 Conference team twice; and

16 WHEREAS, On June 10, 1981, Tony Gwynn was drafted by  
17 both the San Diego Padres in the third round of the Major League  
18 Baseball draft, and by the San Diego Clippers in the 10th round  
19 of the National Basketball Association draft. After signing with  
20 the San Diego Padres, Tony Gwynn made his major league debut  
21 on July 19, 1982. He retired with a .338 career batting average and  
22 3,141 hits in 2,400 games. The San Diego Padres career leader in  
23 virtually every offensive category, Tony Gwynn retired at 17th on  
24 the all-time hit list, 17th on the all-time doubles list, and eighth  
25 on the all-time singles list, and his .338 career batting average is  
26 22nd of all-time; and

27 WHEREAS, Tony Gwynn played on the first three San Diego  
28 Padres Division Championship clubs (1984, 1996, and 1998) and  
29 batted .371 in the club’s two World Series appearances. Tony  
30 Gwynn’s list of honors off the field is just as impressive, as he  
31 received the Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award in 1999  
32 and was awarded the 1999 Lou Gehrig Memorial Award. In 1995,  
33 Tony Gwynn was presented the Branch Rickey Award as the top  
34 community activist in Major League Baseball, as well as the  
35 inaugural San Diego Padres Chairman’s Award. Tony Gwynn also  
36 was inducted into the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame  
37 in 1999; and

38 WHEREAS, Tony Gwynn was also extremely committed to  
39 community service in the San Diego area. With his wife, Dr. Alicia  
40 Gwynn, Tony Gwynn established the Tony and Alicia Gwynn

1 Foundation, which provides programs and services to underserved  
2 children in the areas of STEAM (science, technology, engineering,  
3 arts, and math). Only the 17th player in history to spend his entire  
4 career of 20 or more seasons with one club, Tony Gwynn's  
5 unwavering loyalty to the San Diego Padres and his undying  
6 devotion to the San Diego community further cemented his  
7 standing as "Mr. Padre" and one of the greatest ambassadors the  
8 game of baseball has ever known; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
11 portion of Interstate 15 from Pomerado Road to Scripps Poway  
12 Parkway/Mercy Road in the County of San Diego as the Tony  
13 Gwynn Memorial Highway; and be it further

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

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