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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 63

Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 63—Relative to the Tony Gwynn Memorial ~~Highway~~. *Freeway*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 63, as amended, Maienschein. Tony Gwynn Memorial ~~Highway~~. *Freeway*.

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~~. *Freeway*. 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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, On June 10, 1981, Tony Gwynn was drafted by
19 both the San Diego Padres in the third round of the Major League
20 Baseball draft, and by the San Diego Clippers in the 10th round
21 of the National Basketball Association draft. After signing with
22 the San Diego Padres, Tony Gwynn made his major league debut
23 on July 19, 1982. He retired with a .338 career batting average and
24 3,141 hits in 2,400 games. The San Diego Padres career leader in
25 virtually every offensive category, Tony Gwynn retired at 17th on
26 the all-time hit list, 17th on the all-time doubles list, and eighth
27 on the all-time singles list, and his .338 career batting average is
28 22nd of all-time; and

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

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

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

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

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