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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

**No. 63**

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### Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Atkins, Brough, Chávez, Dahle, Dodd, Gonzalez, Jones, Lackey, Waldron, ~~and Weber~~ Weber, Achadjian, Alejo, Travis Allen, Baker, Bigelow, Bloom, Bonilla, Bonta, Brown, Burke, Calderon, Campos, Chang, Chau, Chiu, Chu, Cooper, Dababneh, Daly, Eggman, Frazier, Beth Gaines, Gallagher, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gatto, Gipson, Gomez, Gray, Hadley, Roger Hernández, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kim, Levine, Linder, Lopez, Low, Mathis, Mayes, McCarty, Medina, Melendez, Mullin, Nazarian, Obernolte, O'Donnell, Olsen, Perea, Quirk, Rendon, Rodriguez, Salas, Steinorth, Mark Stone, Thurmond, Ting, Wagner, Wilk, Williams, and Wood)

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May 5, 2015

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 63—Relative to the Tony Gwynn Memorial Freeway.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 63, as amended, Maienschein. Tony Gwynn Memorial 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 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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, On June 10, 1981, Tony Gwynn was drafted by  
24 both the San Diego Padres in the third round of the Major League  
25 Baseball draft, and by the San Diego Clippers in the 10th round  
26 of the National Basketball Association draft. After signing with  
27 the San Diego Padres, Tony Gwynn made his major league debut  
28 on July 19, 1982. He retired with a .338 career batting average and  
29 3,141 hits in 2,400 games. The San Diego Padres career leader in  
30 virtually every offensive category, Tony Gwynn retired at 17th on  
31 the all-time hit list, 17th on the all-time doubles list, and eighth  
32 on the all-time singles list, and his .338 career batting average is  
33 22nd of all-time; and

34 WHEREAS, Tony Gwynn played on the first three San Diego  
35 Padres Division Championship clubs (1984, 1996, and 1998) and  
36 batted .371 in the club’s two World Series appearances. Tony

1 Gwynn's list of honors off the field is just as impressive, as he  
2 received the Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award in 1999  
3 and was awarded the 1999 Lou Gehrig Memorial Award. In 1995,  
4 Tony Gwynn was presented the Branch Rickey Award as the top  
5 community activist in Major League Baseball, as well as the  
6 inaugural San Diego Padres Chairman's Award. Tony Gwynn also  
7 was inducted into the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame  
8 in 1999; and

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

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

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

31 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
32 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
33 for appropriate distribution.