

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 91

Introduced by Assembly Member Alejo

June 19, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 91—Relative to the Dolores Huerta Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 91, as introduced, Alejo. Dolores Huerta Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 152 in the City of Watsonville and the County of Santa Cruz as the Dolores Huerta 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, Dolores Huerta, born April 10, 1930, is a labor
2 leader and civil rights activist who, along with César Chávez,
3 cofounded the National Farm Workers Association, which later
4 became the United Farm Workers of America (UFW), and gained
5 national attention after she led a boycott of table grapes in the
6 1960s; and

7 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta has received numerous awards for
8 her community service and advocacy for the rights of workers,
9 immigrants, and women, including the Eugene V. Debs Foundation
10 Outstanding American Award, the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for
11 Human Rights, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

1 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta spent time in the City of
2 Watsonville organizing farmworkers for fair treatment; and

3 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta led a boycott of table grapes in the
4 1960s, which was supported by an estimated 17 million Americans
5 and brought the plight of farmworkers into the public eye, leading
6 to the passage of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act,
7 which allowed farmworkers the right to organize and bargain for
8 better working conditions and higher wages; and

9 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta also helped lead a 10-year effort
10 to gain amnesty for farmworkers who had lived, worked, and paid
11 taxes in the United States, resulting in the Immigration Reform
12 and Control Act of 1986, which granted amnesty to 1.4 million
13 farmworkers; and

14 WHEREAS, After leaving the UFW in 2002, Dolores Huerta
15 began focusing her attention on a host of other issues, including
16 immigration, quality education for Latino children, feminism,
17 equality for women, and reproductive freedom; and

18 WHEREAS, As the president of the Dolores Huerta Foundation,
19 Dolores Huerta organizes forums and programs that focus on social
20 justice and public policy issues, and encourages people to
21 participate in elections to help choose their representatives; now,
22 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 Highway Route 152 from Carlton Road to Main
26 Street to the junction with State Highway Route 1 in the City of
27 Watsonville and the County of Santa Cruz as the Dolores Huerta
28 Highway; and be it further

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

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

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