

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 182

Introduced by Assembly Member Gomez

May 9, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 182—Relative to the Vin Scully Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 182, as introduced, Gomez. Vin Scully Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Route 110 in the County of Los Angeles as the Vin Scully 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 the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Vincent Edward “Vin” Scully, born on November
2 29, 1927, is an American sportscaster, best known as the
3 play-by-play announcer for the Los Angeles Dodgers Major League
4 baseball team; and
5 WHEREAS, He has been with the team since its days in
6 Brooklyn, New York. His 66 seasons with the Dodgers, 1950 to
7 present, are the longest time any broadcaster has been with a single
8 team in professional sports history, and he is second by one year
9 to only Tommy Lasorda in terms of number of years with the
10 Dodgers organization in any capacity; and
11 WHEREAS, Mr. Scully calls most Dodgers home games and
12 select road games. He is known for his dulcet voice, lyrically

1 descriptive style, and signature introduction to Dodgers games:
2 “It’s time for Dodgers baseball! Hi everybody, and a very pleasant
3 good (day/evening) to you, wherever you may be;” and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Scully’s remarkable ability to create such
5 vividly accurate and colorful descriptions to the play of the game
6 has become legendary. Others have likened his broadcast skills as
7 being able to see it on the radio; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Scully accompanied the Dodgers from
9 Brooklyn to their new location in Los Angeles beginning with the
10 1958 baseball season, and quickly became popular in southern
11 California. During the Dodgers’ first four seasons in Los Angeles,
12 the fans had difficulty following the action in the very large Los
13 Angeles Memorial Coliseum, and it soon became common for
14 them to bring transistor radios to the games to hear Mr. Scully and
15 partner Jerry Doggett describe the action. This practice continued
16 even after the team moved to the much smaller Dodger Stadium
17 for the 1962 baseball season. Radio and television engineers often
18 had difficulty compensating for the sound of Mr. Scully’s
19 play-by-play reverberating through the stands at Dodgers home
20 games; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1964, the New York Yankees offered Mr. Scully
22 the opportunity to succeed Mel Allen as their lead play-by-play
23 announcer. Mr. Scully chose to remain with the Dodgers, and his
24 popularity in Los Angeles had become such that in 1976 Dodgers
25 fans voted him the “most memorable personality” in the history
26 of the franchise; and

27 WHEREAS, The Dodgers announced on August 28, 2015, that
28 Mr. Scully would be back for the 2016 baseball season, his 67th
29 with the Dodgers. At the press conference on August 29th, Scully
30 said 2016 would probably be his final year; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Scully has established a bond with his listeners
32 that is deep, with a strong sense of community, so that when he
33 says on air to his listeners that “We’ve been friends long enough
34 ... ” it is truly an accurate and heartfelt statement; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Scully is and will continue to be long known
36 as being legendary for his abilities to bring to Californians the
37 history, color, and passion for baseball and for his caring for others.
38 It is altogether fitting to officially name State Route 110 adjacent
39 to Dodger Stadium as the Vin Scully Highway; now, therefore, be
40 it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring*, That, in light of Vin Scully's remarkable and
3 unprecedented career with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Major League
4 Baseball, and hundreds of thousands of fans of baseball, the
5 Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Route 110,
6 located between Interstate 5 and United States Highway 101 in
7 the County of Los Angeles as the Vin Scully Highway; and be it
8 further

9 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
10 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
11 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
12 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
13 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
14 further

15 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
16 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
17 for appropriate distribution.