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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 102

Introduced by Senator Nguyen
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(Coauthor: Assembly Member O'Donnell)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 102—Relative to the Joan Lind Van Blom Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 102, as amended, Nguyen. Joan Lind Van Blom Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate a specified bridge on State Highway Route 1 in the City of Long Beach as the Joan Lind Van Blom Memorial Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for 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, Joan Lind Van Blom was the first woman to win
2 an Olympic medal for the United States in rowing, winning a silver
3 medal in the single sculls at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal
4 and in the quadruple sculls at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los
5 Angeles, and was a member of the team that boycotted the 1980
6 Moscow Olympic Games; *Games in Moscow*; and

7 WHEREAS, Joan Lind Van Blom won 14 national titles during
8 her career, holds 11 world records on the indoor ergometer, and

1 medaled internationally as a coach in the Pan American Games;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Joan Lind Van Blom motivated students to live
4 healthy and active lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Joan Lind Van Blom had a 35-year career, retiring
6 in 2012, with the Long Beach Unified School District as a physical
7 education teacher and curriculum leader, and was instrumental in
8 securing a million-dollar grant for rowing machines in each of the
9 school district's nine high schools; and

10 WHEREAS, Joan Lind Van Blom taught educators how to teach
11 students to enjoy an active lifestyle and her Facebook page has
12 countless entries from fellow competitors, educators, and friends
13 sharing their appreciation for her gentle guidance over the years;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, On August 21, 2013, at the Pete Archer Rowing
16 Center, Joan Lind Van Blom collapsed after an indoor rowing
17 session and was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme, the most
18 aggressive form of brain cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, While fighting the disease, she continued to be a
20 role model of grace and style by sharing memories with friends
21 and expressing gratitude to those she teamed with, taught, and
22 came in contact with; and

23 WHEREAS, Joan Lind Van Blom died the morning of Friday,
24 August 28, 2015; and

25 WHEREAS, Joan Lind Van Blom was inducted ~~in~~ into the
26 Wilson High School, Long Beach State 49er, Century Club, and
27 National Rowing halls of fame and was declared a lifetime member
28 of the Long Beach Rowing Association, marking her never-ending
29 achievement in advocacy for the sport and healthy living; and

30 WHEREAS, For all her accomplishments, dedication to rowing,
31 and contributions to the sport's growth, in December 2014, at the
32 USRowing Annual Awards Reception in Jacksonville, Florida,
33 Joan Lind Van Blom was named the recipient of the 2014
34 USRowing Ernestine Bayer Award, formerly Woman of the Year,
35 which recognizes outstanding contributions to women's rowing
36 or to an outstanding woman in rowing; and

37 WHEREAS, On March 7, 2015, the Beach Crew Alumni
38 Association dedicated a women's Resolute 8+ racing shell as the
39 Joan Lind Van Blom; and

1 WHEREAS, Joan Lind Van Blom is survived by her husband
2 of 30 years, Long Beach State 49er hall of fame member John Van
3 Blom; their son, John Jr.; and her ~~sisters~~ *sisters*, Loretta Madsen
4 and Carol Hansen; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
7 ~~bridge~~ *Los Alamitos Bay Bridge (bridge number 53-0064), and*
8 *any successor bridge*, on State Highway Route 1 south of Loynes
9 Drive and north of East 2nd Street, in the City of Long ~~Beach~~
10 *Beach*, as the Joan Lind Van Blom Memorial Bridge; and be it
11 further

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

18 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
19 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
20 for appropriate distribution.