
Introduced by Senator Gaines

June 9, 2016

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 149—Relative to the Firefighter Michael “Mikey” Hallenbeck Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 149, as introduced, Gaines. Firefighter Michael “Mikey” Hallenbeck Memorial Highway

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 50 from Mount Ralston Road to Echo Summit as the Firefighter Michael “Mickey” Hallenbeck Memorial 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, In 2015, Michael “Mikey” Hallenbeck, a resident
2 of Shingle Springs, California, was in his first year as a firefighter
3 working as a member of Organized Crew 36 of the Lake Tahoe
4 Basin Management Unit of the United States Forest Service, which
5 is responsible for 191,000 acres of national forest lands; and
6 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a firefighter, Michael had been
7 employed as a ski lift operator in the Lake Tahoe area; and
8 WHEREAS, In early August 2015, the Sierra Fire started in the
9 jurisdiction of Michael’s firefighting unit; and
10 WHEREAS, Michael was struck by a falling tree while fighting
11 to control the blaze; and
12 WHEREAS, Michael, 21, later succumbed to the injuries he
13 tragically sustained while combating the Sierra Fire; and

1 WHEREAS, Michael's sacrifice serves as a reminder of the
2 heroic work done by men and women, like Michael, who put
3 themselves in danger, and of the importance of continuing to learn
4 from these misfortunes and adjusting safety measures during the
5 arduous wildfire season; and

6 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to commemorate Firefighter
7 Michael "Mikey" Hallenbeck's service and ultimate sacrifice, and
8 to designate a portion of State Highway Route 50 in El Dorado
9 County in his honor; now, therefore be it

10 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
12 portion of State Highway Route 50 from the intersection with
13 Mount Ralston Road (post mile R61.845) to Echo Summit (post
14 mile R66.483) in the County of El Dorado as the Firefighter
15 Michael "Mickey" Hallenbeck Memorial Highway; and be it
16 further

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

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