

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 21, 2016

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 149

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 amended, Gaines. Firefighter Michael “Mikey” Hallenbeck Memorial Highway ~~Highway~~ 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~~” “*Mikey*” 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

1 WHEREAS, Michael was struck by a falling tree while fighting
2 to control the blaze; and

3 WHEREAS, Michael, 21, later succumbed to the injuries he
4 tragically sustained while combating the Sierra Fire; and

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

10 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to commemorate Firefighter
11 Michael "Mikey" Hallenbeck's service and ultimate sacrifice, and
12 to designate a portion of State Highway Route 50 in El Dorado
13 County in his honor; now, ~~therefore~~ *therefore*, be it

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

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

27 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
28 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
29 for appropriate distribution.