

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 68

Introduced by Assembly Member Brown

February 23, 1996

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to the Parker B. Rice Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 68, as introduced, Brown. Parker B. Rice Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate a certain bridge on State Highway Route 12 in Santa Rosa the Parker B. Rice Memorial Bridge.

The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Parker B. Rice, a native Californian, World
2 War II veteran, newspaperman, prominent leader in
3 veteran's and service organizations, as well as devoted
4 husband, father, and grandfather, will be missed by all
5 who knew him, and by those who benefited from his
6 many exceptional accomplishments on behalf of
7 veterans; and

8 WHEREAS, Following his enlistment at the age of 18,
9 Parker Rice served as an Army Air Corps aircraft

1 mechanic and saw action throughout the South Pacific,
2 while rising to the rank of Master Sergeant; and

3 WHEREAS, Wounded in action during the landing of
4 American forces in the Philippines, he was honorably
5 discharged in 1946; and

6 WHEREAS, He then embarked on a 41-year career
7 with the Santa Rosa “Press Democrat,” beginning as an
8 apprentice stereotyper, and rising to production
9 manager; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1951, Parker B. Rice joined the Disabled
11 American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 48, Santa Rosa, an
12 affiliation that was to last 43 years, until his death on
13 February 15, 1995, at the age of 71; and

14 WHEREAS, During his long tenure with the Disabled
15 American Veterans, Mr. Parker served as Commander of
16 the California Department from 1955–56, and for 15 years
17 served on the prestigious Claims and Service
18 Commission, chairing the commission for 10 years; and

19 WHEREAS, At the national level, Mr. Rice served as a
20 member of the 16th District National Executive
21 Committee, and held National Junior and Senior Vice
22 Commander positions; and

23 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the State of
24 California recognize and memorialize the many
25 contributions that Parker B. Rice has made to his
26 community, state, and nation; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
28 *Senate thereof concurring,* That Bridge No. 20-0267,
29 located near the Santa Rosa Memorial Building and
30 Sonoma County Fair Grounds on State Highway Route
31 12, is hereby officially designated the Parker B. Rice
32 Memorial Bridge; and be it further

33 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is
34 requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques
35 and markers, consistent with the signing requirements
36 for the state highway system, showing the special
37 designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
38 sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and
39 markers; and be it further



1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
2 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of
3 Transportation.

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