

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 124

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100—Relative to highways.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 100, Thomson. Vic Fazio Highway, Helen Madere Memorial Bridge, and Gary L. Hughes Memorial Interchange.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 113 the Vic Fazio Highway, the Rio Vista Bridge on State Highway Route 12 the Helen Madere Memorial Bridge, and the eastbound Interstate Highway Route 80 and State Highway Route 37 interchange the Gary L. Hughes Memorial Interchange.

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

WHEREAS, Vic Fazio was elected to the Congress of the United States for 10 consecutive terms beginning in 1978, after having served in the California State Assembly from 1975 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, Vic Fazio has earned a reputation as one of Capitol Hill's most effective legislators and is recognized as one of the most influential leaders in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, A portion of old State Highway Route 113, known as "Blood Alley" in Yolo County, was a narrow, two-lane road, bordered by large trees and ditches, with an at-grade railroad crossing and numerous at-grade intersections with county roads, city streets, and private driveways; and

WHEREAS, Studies to upgrade that portion of the route had been underway since 1956, and Vic Fazio secured federal demonstration funds in 1985 to provide a continuous four-lane freeway for the portion of State Highway Route 113 between Interstate Highway Route 5 and Interstate Highway Route 80, which opened to traffic on October 5, 1990; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his dedication to the needs of his constituents and the safety of motorists driving on State Highway Route 113, it is appropriate to designate the portion of State Highway Route 113 between Interstate Highway Route 5 and Interstate Highway Route 80 the Vic Fazio Highway; and

WHEREAS, The late Helen Madere, the former Vice-Mayor of the City of Rio Vista, will long be remembered for her efforts to improve the safety of driving on State Highway Route 12; and

WHEREAS, As President of the Highway 12 Association, Ms. Madere was a key force behind the safety improvements outlined in House Resolution 45 (by Assembly Member Hannigan) of the 1993–94 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Assembly Bill 827 (by Assembly Member Thomson, Ch. 709, Stats. 1997) which established a “Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone” between the City of Lodi and the City of Suisun City on State Highway Route 12; and

WHEREAS, As Rio Vista’s representative to the Solano County Transportation Authority, Ms. Madere was known as an advocate for advancing regional transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Madere, who had an accounting background and owned a tax preparation business, was instrumental in helping Rio Vista recover from a financial crisis during the 1980’s; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Madere was an active participant in many civic and community activities in Rio Vista since moving there in 1959; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her contributions to Rio Vista, it is appropriate to designate the Rio Vista Bridge on State Highway Route 12 the Helen Madere Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, On May 23, 1976, California Highway Patrol Officer Gary L. Hughes, a dedicated traffic officer, was killed in the line of duty at the age of 37 years, while seated in a patrol vehicle on eastbound Interstate 80 between Redwood Street and State Highway Route 37 in Vallejo; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hughes, while conducting an enforcement stop with his partner, Officer Lance Thelen, was rear-ended by another driver; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hughes sustained massive head injuries and died enroute to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, The errant driver was initially charged with felony driving under the influence and was subsequently charged and convicted of misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hughes, at the age of seven years, moved from Oregon with his family to Vallejo, California, where he graduated with honors from Vallejo High School; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hughes, prior to beginning his career with the Department of the California Highway Patrol on July 22, 1963, worked for three years for the Vallejo Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his assignment to the Vallejo area on March 26, 1965, Gary Hughes was assigned to the San Francisco area, where he received a departmental commendation for bravery after having rescued a driver from a burning vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hughes was survived by his wife, Sharon, a daughter, and four sons; and



WHEREAS, Officer Hughes was known by his fellow officers for his dedication to the Department of the California Highway Patrol and to the protection of the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the eastbound Interstate Highway Route 80 and State Highway Route 37 interchange in the City of Vallejo be dedicated to the memory of California Highway Patrol Officer Gary L. Hughes, who made the ultimate sacrifice in his service to the people of the State of California; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the portion of State Highway Route 113 between Interstate Highway Route 5 and Interstate Highway Route 80 is hereby officially designated the Vic Fazio Highway, the Rio Vista Bridge on State Highway Route 12 is hereby officially designated the Helen Madere Memorial Bridge, and the eastbound Interstate Highway Route 80 and State Highway Route 37 interchange in Vallejo is hereby officially designated the Gary L. Hughes Memorial Interchange; and be it further

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

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

