

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 83

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 36

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 83—Relative to the Civilian Women Volunteers All Wars Memorial Freeway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 83, Lempert. Civilian Women Volunteers All Wars Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate that portion of State Highway Route 101 between the Ralston Avenue Exit in Belmont, California, to State Highway Route 92, the Civilian Women Volunteers All Wars Memorial Freeway.

The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that special designation and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, Civilian women volunteers have supported members of the United States Armed Forces through dedicated and little-known service; and

WHEREAS, Civilian women volunteers have run recreation centers and libraries on military installations, on off-base and post facilities, and in the fields; and

WHEREAS, Civilian women volunteers have taught in hospitals and schools, provided health care to the civilian population, and run orphanages; and

WHEREAS, Civilian women volunteers have risked their lives and jeopardized their health while participating in humanitarian activities; and

WHEREAS, During World War I, over 90,000 civilian women served as volunteers; and during World War II, over 350,000 civilian women volunteers supported the military overseas and thousands of others served in stateside positions; and

WHEREAS, During the Korean War, untold civilian women volunteered for service; and

WHEREAS, In Vietnam, over 20,000 civilian women volunteered for service; and

WHEREAS, Civilian women volunteers have served in the Persian Gulf, Somalia, and the Balkans; and

WHEREAS, These civilian women volunteers came from numerous organizations, including, but not limited to, religious organizations, the American Red Cross, the Department of Defense Special Services, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Women Air Service Pilots (WASPs), and USO clubs and USO shows; and

WHEREAS, Civilian women volunteers have supported health care services and improved the quality of life for the soldiers and the civilian population as well, without expectation of compensation or future reward; and

WHEREAS, During these times of war and conflict, many civilian women volunteers were taken prisoner, or classified as Missing In Action (MIA); and

WHEREAS, Over 500 of these civilian women volunteers have died in the service of their country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the State of California memorialize all civilian women volunteers who have served in support of our Armed Forces from 1914 to the present and who will serve in the future, by designating that portion of State Highway Route 101 between the Ralston Avenue Exit in Belmont, California, to State Highway Route 92, the Civilian Women Volunteers All Wars Memorial Freeway; 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 the special designation 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.

