

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 97

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 89

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 97—Relative to the placement of a mission bell in Capitol Park.

[Filed with Secretary of State July 6, 2000.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 97, Oller. Mission bell: Capitol Park.

This measure would request the Department of General Services to place a mission bell historic trail marker and mission bell in the vicinity of the monument to Father Junipero Serra in Capitol Park, together with a plaque recognizing the efforts of the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) in restoring the mission bells throughout the state and the contributions of the Sutter District of the CFWC to obtain the placement of a mission bell historic trail marker and mission bell in Capitol Park.

WHEREAS, The original route of what is known today as El Camino Real (Highway of the Kings) began as a footpath used by the Franciscans and Father Junipero Serra in the late 1700's that eventually connected 21 missions along a 700 mile stretch of road in this state; and

WHEREAS, In 1906 the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) established the first bell trail marker project, and the first mission bell trail marker was placed at the Plaza Church in Los Angeles using a specially designed bell; and

WHEREAS, At one time over 400 bells marked the trail of El Camino Real with one bell placed in front of each mission and the remaining bells placed along El Camino Real; and

WHEREAS, Over the years the number of bells was reduced due to a number of factors, including souvenir hunters, vandals, and the progress of the highways and freeways; and

WHEREAS, The CFWC has had a leading role in making El Camino Real a historical landmark and recently established a program to restore, replace, or purchase and place new mission bell historic trail markers and mission bells along El Camino Real; and

WHEREAS, The Sutter District of the CFWC has raised more than \$1,500 that has been contributed to the purchase or restoration of three bells; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the important role of Father Junipero Serra in the establishment of the missions in California, a monument to Father Junipero Serra has been placed within Capitol

Park, northeast of the State Capitol near L Street in Sacramento; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Department of General Services is requested to place a mission bell historic trail marker and mission bell in the vicinity of the monument to Father Junipero Serra in Capitol Park, together with a plaque recognizing the efforts of the CFWC in restoring the mission bells throughout the state and the contributions of the Sutter District of the CFWC to obtain the placement of a mission bell historic trail marker and mission bell in Capitol Park; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Sutter District of the California Federation of Women's Clubs and to the author for appropriate distribution.

