

House Resolution

No. 81

Introduced by Assembly Members Hertzberg and Baugh

August 14, 2000

House Resolution No. 81—Relative to commending the Honorable Wally Knox.

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Wally Knox, who has
2 represented the 42nd Assembly District since 1994, has
3 announced his retirement as an Assembly Member
4 following his third term in office and, upon this occasion,
5 he is deserving of highest commendations for his record
6 of dedicated service to his constituents and the State of
7 California; and

8 WHEREAS, His district includes the Los Angeles area
9 communities of Beverly Hills, Brentwood, Beverly
10 Fairfax, Bel Air, Century City, Hancock Park, Hollywood,
11 Miracle Mile, Westwood, West Los Angeles, and West
12 Hollywood and, in the San Fernando Valley, he
13 represents Encino, Sherman Oaks, and Studio City; and

14 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Knox has been Chair of
15 the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, and he
16 successfully fought to reinstate the renters' tax credit and
17 secured expanded tax relief for senior citizens, and in
18 addition he is a member of the following committees:
19 Judiciary, Housing and Community Development,
20 Labor, and Public Employees, Retirement and Social
21 Security; and

1 WHEREAS, Previously he headed the Labor and
2 Employment Committee and, as a staunch advocate for
3 working people, he authored the bill to reinstate daily
4 overtime pay with flexibility for workers and employers;
5 he is the author of a new law allowing parents to use their
6 sick leave to care for ill children; and in 1997–98, he
7 chaired the Select Committee on the California Middle
8 Class, which examined the causes of stagnating wages and
9 declining living standards for working families; and

10 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Knox spearheaded the
11 successful effort to block the new area code “overlay” in
12 the 310 area of Los Angeles’ Westside; he authored reform
13 legislation, now law, to revamp the system of area code
14 creation, prolonging the lifespan of existing area codes;
15 and he is Chair of the Select Committee on
16 Transportation on Congestion Relief, focusing on
17 relieving the traffic gridlock at the interchange of the 101
18 and 405 freeways; and

19 WHEREAS, He has gained passage of a host of tough
20 anti-crime measures, authored the one-gun limit law to
21 dry up the black market sales of handguns to gang
22 members, youths, and felons, authored legislation that
23 doubled the size of a successful crime prevention
24 program that targets repeat offenders, wrote laws to assist
25 local law enforcement in apprehending street criminals
26 and in prosecuting car registration tag thefts, and
27 sponsored an effort that enabled the Los Angeles Police
28 Department to trace and crack down on illegal handguns;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, For five consecutive years Assembly
31 Member Knox earned a score of 100 percent from the
32 California League of Conservation Voters with a perfect
33 pro-environment voting record; he authored new laws to
34 prevent ocean pollution and to cut down on hazardous air
35 pollution and wrote one of the nation’s first bank
36 automated teller machine (ATM) disclosure laws; and he
37 is responsible for expanding state assistance to innovative
38 start-up companies, in the high-tech, biotech, and
39 multi-media fields, through the new business incubator
40 program; and



1 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Knox received the 1998
2 award for outstanding leadership from the Jewish Public
3 Affairs Committee; he secured passage of a crucial new
4 law that helps Holocaust survivors and families of
5 Holocaust victims recoup insurance policy payments
6 denied them by European insurance companies; and he
7 authored a landmark law requiring insurers to disclose
8 Holocaust-era policy information to a public state
9 registry, or lose their license to operate in California; and

10 WHEREAS, Prior to his election, Assembly Member
11 Knox was a Trustee and President of the Los Angeles
12 Community College District, an attorney specializing in
13 labor relations, the owner of a small business, and a
14 member of the Executive Board of the American Jewish
15 Committee and he and his family belong to Temple Israel
16 of Hollywood; and

17 WHEREAS, During his distinguished tenure with the
18 California State Legislature, he has personally authored
19 numerous bills that have been signed into law, and he has
20 also worked to enact hundreds of other measures by
21 coauthoring or assisting with negotiations and
22 compromises; and

23 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Wally Knox is
24 renowned and respected by his peers in the Assembly as
25 one of the most thorough and conscientious Legislators in
26 the house, and he has made a significant impact on the
27 people of the 42nd Assembly District and throughout the
28 state, and he will be sorely missed by those individuals
29 with whom he has been associated; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,*
31 That the Members take great pride in honoring Assembly
32 Member Wally Knox for his outstanding service to the
33 people of the 42nd Assembly District and the people of
34 California during his tenure as a Member of the California
35 Assembly, and extend to him heartiest best wishes for
36 happiness and success in his future endeavors; and be it
37 further

38 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
39 transmit a suitably prepared copy of this resolution to the



- 1 Honorable Wally Knox.
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