

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 58

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 105

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 58—Relative to the Doctor June McCarroll Memorial Freeway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 58, Kelley. Doctor June McCarroll Memorial Freeway.

This measure would dedicate the portion of Interstate Highway Route 10 near Indio in Riverside County between the Jefferson Street and Indio Boulevard interchange and the junction with State Highway Route 86 to the memory of Doctor June McCarroll, and would specify that this portion of Interstate Highway Route 10 shall be known as the "Doctor June McCarroll Memorial Freeway." This measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, Doctor June McCarroll first arrived in California in 1904, when she moved to Indio in order to place her ailing husband in a health camp for persons infected with tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, It was in Indio where Doctor June McCarroll acquired the name "Doctor June" and traveled, at first by horse and buggy and later by horseback, in order to practice medicine; and

WHEREAS, In 1907, Doctor June practiced medicine on five Indian reservations and later became the doctor retained by the Southern Pacific Railroad to treat its employees in the Coachella Valley; and

WHEREAS, In later life, she expressed regrets that younger doctors were seemingly unable to function without modern hospitals and other conveniences when she had sometimes operated on kitchen tables, explaining "I would clear off the table, tie the patient down, and administer the anesthetic"; and

WHEREAS, Doctor June is also credited with starting the first library in the Coachella Valley; and

WHEREAS, Although Doctor June McCarroll has a reputation in the Coachella Valley based on her practice of medicine and dedication to her immediate community, she is also known for her role in initiating the painting of centerlines upon streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, In 1924, after she and the Indio Women's Club and the California Federation of Women's Clubs proposed it, the idea of



painting a centerline on state highways was adopted by the California Highway Commission, and the first white centerline was painted, by hand with a paintbrush, on Indio Boulevard, coincidentally, on the street where Doctor June McCarroll was then living; and

WHEREAS, This idea has saved thousands of lives since its early beginning over 75 years ago; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the portion of Interstate Highway Route 10 near Indio in Riverside County between the Jefferson Street and Indio Boulevard interchange and the junction with State Highway Route 86 be dedicated in the memory of this remarkable person; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby dedicates the portion of Interstate Highway Route 10 near Indio in Riverside County between the Jefferson Street and Indio Boulevard interchange and the junction with State Highway Route 86 to the memory of Doctor June McCarroll; and be it further

Resolved, That this portion of Interstate Highway Route 10 be officially designated the “Doctor June McCarroll 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 the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this 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 Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author for distribution.

