

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 98

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

This resolution was received by the Secretary of
State this _____ day of _____, 2000,
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Deputy Secretary of State

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RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 98—Relative to the dedication of the City of Sacramento building in honor of the late Sacramento Mayor, Joe Serna, Jr.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 98, Ortiz. Joe Serna, Jr. Building.

This measure would concur with the Sacramento City Council in officially dedicating the City of Sacramento building located at 1001 I Street in Sacramento as the “Joe Serna, Jr. Building” in memory of Sacramento’s late mayor.

WHEREAS, The Sacramento City Council and the Legislature each conducted a public hearing concerning the dedication of the City of Sacramento building located at 1001 I Street in honor of the late Sacramento Mayor, Joe Serna, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, The naming of this building is in dedication and honor of the late Joe Serna, Jr., who was born in Stockton, California, on September 3, 1939; and

WHEREAS, Joe Serna, Jr. was the loving husband of Isabel Hernandez-Serna, devoted father of Phillip and Belisa Serna, and cherished grandfather of Andres Miguel Mayorga; and

WHEREAS, Joe Serna, Jr. was the son of immigrant farm workers Gerania and José Serna and the brother of Maria Elena Serna, Reuben Serna, and Jesse Serna; and

WHEREAS, Joe Serna, Jr. received his B.A. in social science from the California State University at Sacramento (CSUS) in 1966, served in the United States Peace Corps from 1966 to 1968, and served as Director of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO Boycott Committee, Sacramento County, from 1970 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, Joe Serna, Jr. served on the faculty and numerous campus and department committees at CSUS since 1969, and received the Distinguished Faculty Award from CSUS in February 1991; and



WHEREAS, Joe Serna, Jr. was elected to the Sacramento City Council on November 3, 1981, where he served until he was elected mayor on November 3, 1992, fulfilling his mayoral duties with pride and distinction until his death on November 7, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Joe Serna, Jr. was known as an elected official with profound vision for the future and the energy to implement that vision, who could build coalitions, ignite community involvement, and succeed in achieving his goals; and

WHEREAS, Joe Serna, Jr. leaves a legacy in Sacramento of downtown revitalization and growth, more parks and places for Sacramentans to gather and enjoy their families and neighbors, a better public school system, more jobs, more community police, and a higher quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Joe Serna, Jr. is best remembered for reinvigorating downtown Sacramento as an advocate for downtown housing and the region's light rail system, and reforming his city's public schools by campaigning on behalf of new school leadership and a \$191 million school bond; and

WHEREAS, The dedication of this building is appropriate because Joe Serna, Jr. was a longtime proponent of keeping major state office complexes located near mass transit facilities, and helped state planners fend off demands by suburban developers that the state's major environmental agency, CalEPA, be located in a suburban area, accessible only by congested and air polluting freeways, and as a result of his efforts, the state and the Department of Consumer Affairs conducted a siting evaluation that has resulted in a policy of locating major state employment centers in downtown metropolitan areas across the state, thereby reducing traffic and supporting easy use of mass transit by commuting state workers; and

WHEREAS, The dedication of this building is also appropriate because it is located next to Sacramento's City Hall and across from the Cesar Chavez Plaza, a park



that the late Mayor Joe Serna, Jr. spearheaded in having it renamed to honor the memory of Cesar Chavez; and

WHEREAS, Joe Serna, Jr. was very much a visionary leader; he left behind a legacy of many accomplishments and a strong belief in community and public service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California concurs with the Sacramento City Council in officially dedicating the City of Sacramento building located at 1001 I Street in Sacramento as the “Joe Serna, Jr. Building” in memory of Sacramento’s late mayor.



Attest:

Secretary of State

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