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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 60

Introduced by Assembly Member Gilmore

April 13, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 60—Relative to the Larry Stanley Pierce Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 60, as amended, Gilmore. The *Medal of Honor Recipient* Larry Stanley Pierce Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 46 as the *Medal of Honor Recipient* Larry Stanley Pierce Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Larry Stanley Pierce was born on July 6, 1941, in
- 2 Wewoka, Oklahoma; and
- 3 WHEREAS, In 1958, Larry Stanley Pierce enlisted in the United
- 4 States Army, where he rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant and served
- 5 in the 1st Battalion of the 173rd Airborne Brigade; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Larry Stanley Pierce served his country in the
- 7 Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War and was assigned
- 8 as a squad leader in charge of a reconnaissance platoon; and

1 WHEREAS, On September 20, 1965, Larry Stanley Pierce and
2 his platoon were ambushed by hostile forces with ~~machine gun~~
3 *machinegun* fire; and

4 WHEREAS, Larry Stanley Pierce and his platoon routed the
5 ambushing force and gave chase in order to further suppress the
6 attacking enemy; and

7 WHEREAS, Larry Stanley Pierce discovered an antipersonnel
8 mine that could have destroyed his entire squad. He used his own
9 body to absorb the blast from the mine, saving the lives of 29 of
10 his soldiers; and

11 WHEREAS, Larry Stanley Pierce was laid to rest at the Wasco
12 Memorial Park in the City of Wasco, California; and

13 WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson posthumously
14 awarded the Medal of Honor to Larry Stanley Pierce's wife, Verlin,
15 his daughter, Teresa, and his sons, Kelley and Gregory, on February
16 14, 1966; and

17 WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor is the highest military
18 decoration awarded by the United States government. It is awarded
19 to a member of the United States ~~armed forces~~ *Armed Forces* who
20 distinguishes himself *or herself* conspicuously by gallantry and
21 intrepidity at the risk of his *or her* life above and beyond the call
22 of duty while in engaged in an action against the enemy of the
23 United States; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
26 portion of State Highway Route 46 within the city limits of the
27 City of Wasco as the *Medal of Honor Recipient* Larry Stanley
28 Pierce Memorial Highway; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
30 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
31 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
32 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
33 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
34 further

35 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
36 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
37 author for appropriate distribution.

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