

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 165

Introduced by Assembly Member Jeffries
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(Coauthor: Senator Strickland)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 165—Relative to the Mayor Dick DeWees Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 165, as introduced, Jeffries. Mayor Dick DeWees Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 246 in the City of Lompoc as the Mayor Dick DeWees Memorial Highway. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Dick DeWees was elected Mayor of the City of
- 2 Lompoc on November 3, 1998, and served six consecutive terms
- 3 until he passed away on July 30, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees was born in 1948 in Mount
- 5 Clemens, Michigan; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees conducted his undergraduate and
- 7 postgraduate studies at Eastern Michigan University, majoring in
- 8 dramatic arts; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees worked as an actor and director
2 in over 60 plays and musicals, appeared on local television and
3 radio programs, and was a voiceover artist in hundreds of
4 commercials; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees served as master of ceremonies
6 of, and performed with, the Lompoc Pops Orchestra for over a
7 decade; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees served in a variety of positions in
9 marketing, sales, and administration during 20 years in the
10 broadcasting industry; and

11 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees started his own advertising
12 consulting firm and received the Sam Walton Business Leader
13 Award; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees taught public speaking at the
15 Lompoc Valley Center of Allan Hancock College; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees served on a variety of boards and
17 committees and represented the City of Lompoc on the Santa
18 Barbara County Association of Governments and the Local Agency
19 Formation Commission; and

20 WHEREAS, Dick DeWees loved being Mayor of Lompoc,
21 which he always said was the perfect job for him; and

22 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees led the City of Lompoc through
23 many complex and significant achievements, including a settlement
24 agreement with Cachuma contractors that brings more water
25 releases to the Lompoc Valley, improving water and wastewater
26 systems, stabilizing electric rates, extending the life of the city's
27 landfill, increasing the police force, expanding parks, annexing
28 the Wye area and entering into a cooperative agreement with
29 Mission Hills to provide water and sewer services in the Wye area,
30 building an award-winning aquatic center, opening a new
31 community center, building a skateboard park, and successfully
32 managing the potential computer risks referred to as Y2K; and

33 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees worked together with the Lompoc
34 City Council to deal with illegal dumping, graffiti, congregate
35 living, medicinal marijuana, truck parking, beach closures, fencing,
36 budgets, labor contracts, reorganizations, low-income housing and
37 housing in-lieu fees, development impact fees, utility rates,
38 Community Development Block Grants, facilitating urban county
39 status for Santa Barbara County, economic development, bus
40 service, airport improvements, library funding, cable television

1 franchises and public television, historic preservation, state and
2 local ballot initiatives, WiFi, sidewalks, wineries, bikeways, energy
3 conservation, water conservation, animal control, police dogs, and
4 detox centers; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor DeWees is survived by his wife of over 30
6 years, Jane, his children, Nathan and Anna, their spouses, Javon
7 and Jeremy, and two granddaughters, Emma and Madelyn, who
8 were the light of his life; and

9 WHEREAS, In recognition of Mayor DeWees' great
10 contributions and service to the City of Lompoc, and its people
11 whom he loved, it would be a fitting tribute to designate a portion
12 of State Highway Route 246, in the City of Lompoc, as the Mayor
13 Dick DeWees Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
16 portion of State Highway Route 246 from mile marker 9.56, the
17 westerly Buellton city limit, to mile marker R25.04, the East
18 Junction Route 01/246, in the City of Lompoc as the Mayor Dick
19 DeWees Memorial Highway; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
21 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
22 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
23 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
24 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
25 further

26 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
27 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
28 author for appropriate distribution.