

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 179**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Solorio and John A. Pérez**

July 1, 2010

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 179—Relative to the Paul Johnson Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 179, as introduced, Solorio. Paul Johnson Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 55 in Orange County as the Paul Johnson 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, Paul Johnson began his broadcasting career in the
- 2 1950s at a rock and roll station in Grand Forks, North Dakota; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Paul Johnson interrupted his career to serve in the
- 4 United States Army in 1956 and 1957; and
- 5 WHEREAS, After his military service, Paul Johnson returned
- 6 to broadcasting and relocated to Los Angeles; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Paul Johnson appeared in the 1969 motion picture
- 8 “Paint Your Wagon” and was one of 60 men that sang the musical
- 9 score for the movie. Paul Johnson sang bass; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Paul Johnson also appeared in several opera
- 11 productions and in numerous television commercials; and

1 WHEREAS, Paul Johnson began traffic reporting in 1982, on  
2 the radio at several Los Angeles stations, including, KNX, KZLA,  
3 KACE, KXEZ, and KSRF; and

4 WHEREAS, Since August 1988, Paul Johnson has been a part  
5 of KNBC's on-air team. During his tenure with KNBC, Paul  
6 Johnson served as a weather and traffic report anchor and  
7 contributor; and

8 WHEREAS, Traffic consistently shows up as among the most  
9 important information southern California news viewers want; and

10 WHEREAS, Paul Johnson delivered traffic information daily  
11 to millions of southern Californians for 28 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Paul Johnson ended nearly all of his reports urging  
13 viewers to buckle up and be safe on the road; and

14 WHEREAS, Paul Johnson was the last remaining original  
15 member of the Today in L.A. newscast on KNBC; and

16 WHEREAS, Paul Johnson is much beloved by his wife Nancy,  
17 by every member of the KNBC staff, and by millions of southern  
18 Californians, who depended on him daily to help them get to work;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Based on Paul Johnson's impressive broadcasting  
21 career and decades of dedication to helping millions of southern  
22 Californians navigate their way to work each morning, it is  
23 therefore appropriate to designate a portion of the State Highway  
24 Route 55 in honor of Paul Johnson; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
27 southbound portion of State Highway Route 55 between Katella  
28 Avenue and Chapman Avenue, in Orange County, as the Paul  
29 Johnson Highway; and be it further

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

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

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