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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 179

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Hagman and Miller)

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 179, as amended, John A. Pérez. 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 , *California*; and

1 WHEREAS, Paul Johnson appeared in the 1969 motion picture
2 “Paint Your Wagon” and was one of 60 men that sang the musical
3 score for the movie. Paul Johnson sang bass; and

4 WHEREAS, Paul Johnson also appeared in several opera
5 productions and in numerous television commercials; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Since August 1988, Paul Johnson has been a part
10 of KNBC’s on-air team. During his tenure with KNBC, Paul
11 Johnson served as a weather and traffic report anchor and
12 contributor; and

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

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

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, Based on Paul Johnson’s impressive broadcasting
26 career and decades of dedication to helping millions of southern
27 Californians navigate their way to work each morning, it is
28 appropriate to designate a portion of the State Highway Route 55
29 in honor of Paul Johnson; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
32 southbound portion of State Highway Route 55 between Katella
33 Avenue and Chapman Avenue, in Orange County, as the Paul
34 Johnson Highway; and be it further

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

1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
2 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
3 author for appropriate distribution.

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