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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 12

Introduced by Senator Dutton

January 28, 2009

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12—Relative to the Steve Faris Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 12, as amended, Dutton. Steve Faris Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate State Highway Route 330 in the County of San Bernardino as the Steve Faris Memorial Highway. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Steve Faris of the California
2 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection drove thousands of
3 miles up and down State Highway Route 330 with the purpose of
4 promoting safety for mountain top communities; and
5 WHEREAS, In 1998, Battalion Chief Faris helped establish in
6 the Inland Empire the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council, which
7 was the first of more than 14 councils that are now active in the
8 Counties of San Bernardino and Riverside; and
9 WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Faris was instrumental in bringing
10 together the fire safe councils to form the Inland Empire Fire Safe
11 Alliance; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2002, Battalion Chief Faris was intimately
2 involved in the establishment of the Mountain Area Safety
3 Taskforce (MAST), which brought local, state, and federal agencies
4 together to address the critical fire situation presented by the bark
5 beetle-drought tree mortality issues; and

6 WHEREAS, The consolidated efforts of MAST and fire safe
7 councils contributed significantly to the safe evacuation of more
8 than 60,000 people during the Old Fire of 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, There are not enough words to describe Chief
10 Faris' impact on the lives of the people in the San Bernardino
11 mountain communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Faris was a friendly, giving, and
13 passionate person who included everyone and found a way to work
14 with anyone interested in his efforts to save lives and establish
15 defensible space for properties in the mountains; and

16 WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Faris died in an automobile accident
17 in September, 2006, but will always live on in the hearts of the
18 people in the communities he served; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
21 hereby recognizes the contributions made by Battalion Chief Steve
22 Faris of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
23 to the people of the State of California and hereby designates State
24 Highway Route 330 in the County of San Bernardino as the Steve
25 Faris Memorial Highway; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
27 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
28 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that
29 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
30 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
32 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
33 author for appropriate distribution.