
Introduced by Senator Wiggins

January 15, 2009

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9—Relative to the James F. McManus Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 9, as introduced, Wiggins. The James F. McManus Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the Salmon Creek Bridge on State Highway Route 101 in Humboldt County as the James F. McManus Memorial Bridge. The 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 that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, James F. McManus is deserving of special public
- 2 commendation in recognition of his exemplary career with the
- 3 Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for nearly 40 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, James F. McManus was born on May 29, 1929, in
- 5 Oakland, California. His love for engineering and flying was
- 6 stimulated by his father's work with the Univac Supercomputer,
- 7 which was used to schedule the then-secret B-19 Bomber project
- 8 during World War II; and
- 9 WHEREAS, James F. McManus attended City College of San
- 10 Francisco, until he joined the United States Marine Corps during
- 11 the Korean War. He later returned to college at San Jose State
- 12 University; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1954, James F. McManus began his career at
2 Caltrans as a junior civil engineer and immediately impressed his
3 supervisors with his engineering abilities; and

4 WHEREAS, During his 18-year tenure in District 1 of Caltrans,
5 James F. McManus moved from construction to the laboratory,
6 where he tested materials for roadways, and ultimately into design,
7 planning, and project management, where he worked on the design
8 of numerous highway and freeway projects; and

9 WHEREAS, After the 1964 flood incident in northern California,
10 James F. McManus worked on the Highway 101 freeway project
11 and designed a five-mile stretch of the Redwood Freeway south
12 of Myers Flat. He was particularly proud of this project because,
13 in addition to bypassing Myers Flat and avoiding impact to the
14 old growth redwoods and parks south of the Eel River, he
15 successfully convinced the district leadership to change the original
16 alignment of the highway to create his vision of a panoramic view
17 of the magnificent Eel River. The Myers Flat Bypass included five
18 bridges across the Eel River and its tributaries, including the
19 Salmon Creek Bridge; and

20 WHEREAS, As a leader of the district computer section, James
21 F. McManus developed a revolutionary computer program called
22 MANSCAN, which scheduled the manpower across the many
23 professional disciplines required to design and construct each major
24 project and thereby allowed projects to be more efficiently tracked
25 and planned. This program was renamed PYPSCAN and was used
26 for purposes of program management for many decades; and

27 WHEREAS, Following his many achievements in District 1,
28 James F. McManus was promoted in 1972 to work in the
29 department's headquarters in Sacramento, California, as a senior
30 transportation engineer; and

31 WHEREAS, James F. McManus became a principal engineer
32 in 1982, and was promoted to Deputy Director of District 7 in Los
33 Angeles in 1984, where he oversaw the planning, design, and
34 construction of the monumental Century Freeway project and won
35 Engineer of the Year for Caltrans as a result; and

36 WHEREAS, In 1986, James F. McManus moved back to
37 Sacramento, California, and was promoted to Career Executive,
38 Level 3. He finished his career as Deputy Chief Engineer and
39 managed programs for the entire state from 1988 until his
40 retirement in 1992; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, James F. McManus was a
2 man of the highest quality and integrity and a dedicated and
3 creative member of the Caltrans engineering organization; and

4 WHEREAS, After 38 years of service, James F. McManus
5 retired from Caltrans on October 7, 1992, and died on December
6 2, 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize James F. McManus'
8 many years of dedicated service to Caltrans and to the people of
9 California by designating the Salmon Creek Bridge in his memory;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Salmon Creek Bridge (Bridge No.
13 4-176, postmile 23.9) on State Highway Route 101 in Humboldt
14 County shall be designated as the James F. McManus Memorial
15 Bridge; and be it further

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

22 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
23 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
24 for appropriate distribution.