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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 90

Introduced by Senator Anderson

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May 14, 2012

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 90—Relative to the Tuskegee Airmen Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 90, as amended, Anderson. Tuskegee Airmen Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 15 in the County of San Diego as the Tuskegee Airmen Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation 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, The United States Army Air Corps formed the
2 332nd Fighter Group and the 477th Medium Bombardment Group
3 at Tuskegee Institute to train African American fighter pilots who,
4 until that time, had not been accepted into pilot training programs
5 in the military; and

6 WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Airmen were sent to the European
7 Theatre in 1943 and served in combat in North Africa, Sicily, and
8 Europe; and

9 WHEREAS, At the end of World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen
10 were credited with destroying 261 enemy aircraft, damaging 148
11 enemy aircraft, destroying or damaging 940 units of enemy ground
12 transportation, flying 15,553 combat sorties in 1,578 missions over
13 North Africa, Sicily, and Europe, and conducting more than 200
14 bomber escort missions; and

15 WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Airmen unit, including its officers
16 and enlisted personnel, received three Presidential Unit Citations,
17 150 Distinguished Flying Cross and Legion of Merit awards, the
18 Red Star of Yugoslavia, nine Purple Hearts, 14 Bronze Stars, and
19 more than 700 Air Medals and Oak Leaf Cluster awards; and

20 WHEREAS, Sixty-six of the Tuskegee Airmen were killed in
21 combat, and another 33 were shot down and held as prisoners of
22 war; and

23 WHEREAS, The unqualified success of the Tuskegee Airmen
24 helped lead to the eventual integration of the United States Armed
25 Forces; and

26 WHEREAS, The record of the Tuskegee Airmen in World War
27 II was accomplished by individuals who bravely accepted the
28 challenge and proudly displayed their skill and patriotism in spite
29 of great adversity at home and abroad; and

30 WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. is an education and
31 community service organization dedicated to maintaining the
32 traditions of the Tuskegee Airmen and preserving the legacy of

1 the first generation of African American military aviators of World
2 War II with 42 chapters throughout the United States, and has
3 consistently provided inspiration, motivation, mentoring, and role
4 models for elementary, middle, and high school students in this
5 country; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
7 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
8 portion of State Highway Route 15 between Miramar Road
9 (milepost marker 14.285) and Mercy Road (milepost marker
10 17.311), in the County of San Diego, as the Tuskegee Airmen
11 Highway; and be it further

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

18 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
19 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
20 author for appropriate distribution.

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23 CORRECTIONS: _____

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