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ACR-67 Veterans' Memorial Highway. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 67

CHAPTER 159

Relative to the Veterans' Memorial Highway.

[Filed with Secretary of State August 21, 2018.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 67, Aguiar-Curry. Veterans' Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 29 in the County of Napa as the Veterans' Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs with this designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, It is important to honor the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, who have defended our country, and who have suffered disabilities and injuries in protecting the freedom, rights, and privileges enjoyed by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Nearly two million veterans reside in the State of California, and the County of Napa is home to many of these brave and honorable individuals; and

WHEREAS, Napa Valley residents were some of the first United States military veterans from California, and in 1884 the Veterans' Home of California, Yountville (Veterans' Home), in the County of Napa, became the first facility for veterans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans' Home is home to 1,200 veterans, including men and women who have served in World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars, the Gulf War, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans' Home has grown to be the largest veterans' home in the United States and is an integral part of the Napa Valley community; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans' Home provides for the future health care of its resident veterans, including facilities that provide residential care for the elderly, skilled nursing care, and a memory care center for veterans with various forms of dementia; and

WHEREAS, Over its 133 years of operation, the Veterans' Home has become a focal point for the Napa Valley community with its 1,200 seat Lincoln Theater, a 9-hole golf course, the Borman Field baseball stadium, bowling lanes, a swimming pool, and a military base exchange branch store; and

WHEREAS, All of these facilities are available for use by resident veterans at no additional cost and include a fitness center, a resident-operated television station, an auto hobby shop, a 35,000 volume library, a creative arts center, and a multifaith chapel; and

WHEREAS, We should make it a priority to fully support our state's veterans in ways that commemorate their great sacrifices; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 29 in the City of Yountville in the County of Napa from Darms Lane to Yount Mill Road as the Veterans' Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the costs of erecting appropriate signs, which would include this special designation, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.