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ACR-202 Robert “Bob” Thompson Memorial Highway. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 202

CHAPTER 151

Relative to the Robert “Bob” Thompson Memorial Highway.

[Filed with Secretary of State August 17, 2018.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 202, Dahle. Robert “Bob” Thompson Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Route 299 in the County of Shasta as the Robert “Bob” Thompson Memorial 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

WHEREAS, Robert “Bob” Thompson was a fourth-generation resident of Shasta County and the grandson of ranchers who came to Eastern Shasta County in the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, Robert Thompson’s background in farming and ranching began as a toddler on the Hat Creek Hereford Ranch and, as a young person, he became active in 4-H and the Future Farmers of America (FFA); and

WHEREAS, Robert Thompson attended a two-room schoolhouse for five years in elementary school, was active in student government, athletics, and FFA in high school, and graduated from Fall River High School in 1967; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Robert Thompson attended California State University, Chico where he met his wife of 49 years, Alice Hutchings; and

WHEREAS, While at Chico State, Robert and Alice Thompson’s only son, Perry, was born in 1970 and Robert Thompson worked several jobs to put himself and his wife through school without incurring large student loan debt; and

WHEREAS, When Robert, Alice, and Perry returned home after college, Robert continued his involvement in agriculture by helping to run the family ranch while Alice began her 37-year teaching career; and

WHEREAS, While Robert Thompson loved working with cattle, farming the land, and being involved in numerous agricultural organizations, he turned his focus to construction to “pay the bills”; and

WHEREAS, With guidance and support from his father, Robert Thompson and his brother-in-law Howard Lakey became founders and coowners of Hat Creek Construction; and

WHEREAS, Robert Thompson and Howard Lakey began operating Hat Creek Construction from humble beginnings with a used Toyota pickup truck and several home remodel projects; and

WHEREAS, As Hat Creek Construction grew, the company began building homes and cabins in the Eagle Lake area and soon the company expanded into road building, hydro construction, and general engineering work; and

WHEREAS, Today Hat Creek Construction is a dominant force in the construction industry and an area leader in asphalt, concrete, and aggregate delivery and placement; and

WHEREAS, Robert Thompson was able to consult and advise until the time of his passing and witnessed his beloved company and team complete its largest season ever, while proudly providing jobs for 125 local employees; 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 Route 299 located between postmile 83.03 and postmile 84.00 in the County of Shasta as the Robert "Bob" Thompson Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation 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 author for appropriate distribution.