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**ACR-124 State Route 269: Heart of the Valley Bridge.** (2019-2020)

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 124**

**CHAPTER 40**

Relative to the Heart of the Valley Bridge.

[ Filed with Secretary of State September 14, 2020. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 124, Arambula. State Route 269: Heart of the Valley Bridge.

This measure would designate the 500-foot long bridge over Arroyo Pasajero Creek on State Route 269 as the Heart of the Valley Bridge. The measure would 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

WHEREAS, On March 12, 1995, seven residents of Fresno County lost their lives on Interstate 5 (I-5) when State Route 269 (SR 269) was closed due to roadway collapse and raging flood waters; and

WHEREAS, SR 269 passes through the rural community of Huron, California, and connects to I-5; and

WHEREAS, Since SR 269 came into the state highway system in 1976, it has been closed over 551 days due to flooding; and

WHEREAS, Because SR 269 is the only access to the community of Huron from the north, community residents must travel a 28-mile detour for shopping and services, including for medical emergencies, during road closures; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Huron and the surrounding rural communities depend on SR 269 to keep them connected to the rest of the Central Valley by way of State Route 198 and I-5; and

WHEREAS, The SR 269 Bridge Project will create a reliable and safe corridor for the local and regional motoring public; and

WHEREAS, The construction of three new bridges and modification of the Arroyo Pasajero Creek channel will prevent future closure of the highway due to flooding; and

WHEREAS, This project was made possible by funds from local sales tax Measure C of \$1.22 million and \$28.9 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the 500-foot long bridge over the Arroyo Pasajero Creek on State Route 269 as the Heart of the Valley Bridge, to honor and commemorate the seven residents of Fresno County whose lives were lost on March 12, 1995; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signage requirements for the state highway system showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover 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.