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**ACR-121 National Purple Heart Trail.** (2023-2024)

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 121**

**CHAPTER 135**

Relative to the National Purple Heart Trail.

[ Filed with Secretary of State July 02, 2024. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 121, Gallagher. National Purple Heart Trail.

This measure would designate the portions of State Highway Routes 20 and 99 in the City of Yuba City in the County of Sutter for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for the installation and maintenance of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, The National Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 for the purpose of commemorating and honoring people who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, The National Purple Heart Trail courses its way across the vast majority of the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, pursuant to the Senate Concurrent Resolution 14, the Legislature designated portions of Interstate Highway Routes 5 and 80 as California's selections for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, pursuant to Assembly Concurrent Resolution 12, the Legislature designated a certain portion of State Highway Route 101 in the Counties of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail, and, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 105, the Legislature designated a certain portion of State Highway Route 223 in the County of Kern for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 27, the Legislature designated certain portions of State Highway Route 101 in the Counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, pursuant to Assembly Concurrent Resolution 191, the Legislature designated the portions of State Highway Routes 16, 20, and 45 in the County of Colusa for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, pursuant to Assembly Concurrent Resolution 19, the Legislature designated the portions of State Highway Routes 20 and 70 in the City of Marysville in the County of Yuba for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail; and

WHEREAS, The Yuba City Veterans Memorial Community Building is located on the west side of State Highway Route 99 in the City of Yuba City and is the home of American Legion Post 705; and

WHEREAS, Sutter County Veterans Memorial Park is located on the west side of State Highway Route 99 in the City of Yuba City and it honors Purple Heart recipients and veterans who served in all branches of the United States military since World War I; and

WHEREAS, The Plumas Street Flagpole is located on the south side of State Highway Route 20 in the City of Yuba City at Plumas Street and it honors all veterans that have honorably served, including Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS, The Yuba City Veterans Park is located on the south side of State Highway Route 20 at the intersection of Bridge Street and Second Street in the City of Yuba City and honors the 12 veterans that lost their lives in World War I; and

WHEREAS, The historic Yuba City Cemetery, established in 1850, is located on the south side of State Highway Route 20 in the City of Yuba City on the north side of Bridge Street and is the final resting place of many veterans, some of whom were Purple Heart recipients, from all wars fought by the United States beginning with the Mexican-American War; and

WHEREAS, The Yuba City American Legion Post 705 wishes to continue the Purple Heart Trail program within the city limits of the City of Yuba City for State Highway Routes 20 and 99; and

WHEREAS, Vice Commander Brock Bowen of the Yuba City American Legion Post 705 took the initiative to bring the National Purple Heart Trail through the City of Yuba City; and

WHEREAS, The City of Yuba City is already a Purple Heart City; and

WHEREAS, The City of Yuba City is requesting eight Purple Heart Trail signs within its city limits to honor Purple Heart recipients and the National Purple Heart Trail program and requests these signs be located at the intersection of State Highway Routes 20 and 99, as well as the beginning and end of each highway route; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature finds that it is appropriate to designate additional portions of the state highway system for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail in order to honor the people who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving in the United States Armed Forces; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portions of State Highway Routes 20 and 99 in the City of Yuba City in the County of Sutter for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost of installation and maintenance of appropriate signs, which shall include the National Purple Heart Trail logo, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, to determine the appropriate sign locations and erect those signs; and be it further

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