

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 120

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 141

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 120—Relative to Caltrans Highway Maintenance Lead Worker Michael (Flea) Feliciano Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 120, Denham. Caltrans Highway Maintenance Lead Worker Michael (Flea) Feliciano Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate that portion of State Highway Route 101 north of Chualar between Payson Street and Esperanza Road in Monterey County as the Caltrans Highway Maintenance Lead Worker Michael (Flea) Feliciano Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Michael (Flea) Feliciano was born on January 25, 1949, in Monterey, California; and

WHEREAS, Michael (Flea) Feliciano graduated from Pacific Grove High School and Monterey Peninsula College where he majored in Police Science; and

WHEREAS, Michael (Flea) Feliciano played varsity baseball all four years in high school, was the first athlete at Pacific Grove High School to receive All Mission Trail Athletic League three years in a row as a varsity pitcher, and played as a semipro baseball pitcher from 1967 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Michael (Flea) Feliciano was the District 5 Maintenance Lead Worker of, and an eleven-year employee with, the Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

WHEREAS, Prior to working for Caltrans, Michael (Flea) Feliciano worked for 14 years for the City of Seaside Parks Department and was responsible for all irrigation of parks, islands, and medians; and also worked for the Fort Ord Golf Course and the Garnerville Ranchos District; and

WHEREAS, Michael (Flea) Feliciano was a state-certified water auditor, a member of the Northern California Turf Council, and a member of the National Crisis Prevention Institute; and

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2004, Michael (Flea) Feliciano's crew was returning to the maintenance yard in Salinas after closing a lane due to storm flooding on State Highway Route 101 when an errant driver crossed the highway median and slammed into the truck Michael (Flea) Feliciano was driving, killing Michael (Flea) Feliciano; and

WHEREAS, Michael (Flea) Feliciano was the 159th Caltrans worker to be killed in the line of duty since 1924; and

WHEREAS, Michael (Flea) Feliciano is survived by his wife of 34 years, Marty Feliciano, and three brothers and one sister; and

WHEREAS, Michael (Flea) Feliciano was an excellent golfer and, with his wife Marty, worked to find homes for abandoned and stray animals through the Monterey County SPCA, the Humane Society of the United States, and the World Wildlife Fund; and

WHEREAS, As a highway worker, Michael (Flea) Feliciano faced dangers on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, It is important and fitting that we pay tribute to and commemorate the life and memory of Michael (Flea) Feliciano; and

Resolved, by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby officially designates that portion of State Highway Route 101 north of Chualar between Payson Street and Esperanza Road in Monterey County as the “Caltrans Highway Maintenance Lead Worker Michael (Flea) Feliciano Memorial Highway”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing these special designations, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

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