

Introduced by Senator Dutton

January 28, 2009

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12—Relative to the Steve Faris Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 12, as introduced, Dutton. Steve Faris Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate State Highway Route 330 in the County of San Bernardino as the Steve Faris Memorial Highway. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, California Department of Forestry and Fire
- 2 Protection Battalion Chief Steve Faris drove thousands of miles
- 3 up and down State Highway Route 330 with the purpose of
- 4 promoting safety for mountain top communities; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In 1998, Chief Faris helped establish in the Inland
- 6 Empire the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council, which was the first
- 7 of more than 14 councils that are now active in the Counties of
- 8 San Bernardino and Riverside; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Chief Faris dedicated thousands of hours in
- 10 spreading the fire-safe concept throughout the Counties of San
- 11 Bernardino and Riverside; and
- 12 WHEREAS, In 2002, Chief Faris was instrumental in the
- 13 establishment of the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST),
- 14 which brought local, state, and federal agencies together to address

1 the critical fire situation presented by the bark beetle-drought tree
2 mortality issues; and

3 WHEREAS, The consolidated efforts of MAST and the fire
4 safe councils contributed significantly to the safe evacuation of
5 more than 60,000 people during the Old Fire of 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, There are not enough words to describe Chief
7 Faris' impact on the lives of the people in the San Bernardino
8 mountain communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Faris was a friendly, giving, and passionate
10 person who included everyone and found a way to work with
11 anyone interested in his efforts to help save lives and establish
12 defensible space for properties in the mountains; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Faris died in an automobile accident in
14 September, 2006, but will always live in the hearts of the people
15 in the communities he served; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
18 hereby recognizes the contributions made by California Department
19 of Forestry and Fire Protection Battalion Chief Steve Faris to the
20 people of the State of California and hereby designates State
21 Highway Route 330 in the County of San Bernardino as the Steve
22 Faris Memorial Highway; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
24 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
25 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that
26 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
27 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

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