

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 55

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 80

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 55—Relative to the Eastshore State Park.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 55, Skinner. Eastshore State Park: renaming.

This measure would request that the Department of Parks and Recreation rename the Eastshore State Park as the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park, and determine the cost of appropriate signage showing this designation, consistent with specified requirements, and, upon the receipt of donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost of that signage, to erect those signs at the park.

WHEREAS, The allocation of \$25 million in state funds, combined with funding from Eastbay Regional Park District's Measure AA, provided the monetary assistance needed to secure the acquisition of land now known as Eastshore State Park; and

WHEREAS, This park is an 8.5 mile ribbon of parkland that occupies the shoreline in the Cities of Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, and Richmond. Furthermore, Eastshore State Park is a region that encompasses 2,002 acres of tidelands and accompanied by 260 acres of upland area alongside the Bay of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Eastshore State Park's emergence came from decades of grassroots environmental activism by San Francisco Bay area citizens fighting to halt the filling of the bay. One of the most influential organizations involved in the creation of Eastshore State Park is a group known as the Citizens for East Shore Parks. This organization was cofounded by an environmentalist by the name of Sylvia McLaughlin; and

WHEREAS, Over the last four decades, Sylvia McLaughlin has been influential in many other ecological efforts to safeguard the San Francisco Bay region. Furthermore, Sylvia McLaughlin cofounded Save the San Francisco Bay Association in 1961, which is an organization that was critically involved with protecting the San Francisco Bay area's 2,000 acres from becoming a proposed dumpsite. These grassroots actions subsequently lead to the signing of the McAteer-Petris Act of 1965 (Title 7.2 (commencing with Section 66600) of the Government Code), which mandated the preservation of the San Francisco Bay and the protection of the bay from haphazard filling. The McAteer-Petris Act also established the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, a state agency entrusted to safeguard the San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, As a tribute to Sylvia McLaughlin's extensive environmental activism and her strong role in saving the San Francisco Bay, and in recognition of her efforts in creating Eastshore State Park, the Legislature urges the Department of Parks and Recreation to rename the Eastshore State Park as the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby honors Sylvia McLaughlin by requesting that the Department of Parks and Recreation rename the Eastshore State Park as the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Parks and Recreation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signage showing this designation, consistent with the signage requirements for the state park system, and, upon the receipt of donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs at the park; and be it further

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