

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 37

Introduced by Assembly Member Harkey

March 19, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 37—Relative to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 37, as introduced, Harkey. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the Mission Avenue bridge at Interstate 5 in the City of Oceanside as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. achieved international
2 recognition as a leader of the American civil rights movement,
3 which sought, through nonviolent measures and civil disobedience,
4 to bring about social, political, and economic equality for different
5 racial, cultural, and ethnic members of society; and
6 WHEREAS, This philosophy and these ideals of Dr. King
7 advanced equal rights in education and labor, as well civil rights;
8 and
9 WHEREAS, As an ordained Baptist minister, Dr. King's
10 profound leadership inspired supporters throughout the nation to

1 engage in marches, peaceful demonstrations, and boycotts to protest
2 racial discrimination; and

3 WHEREAS, Those efforts contributed to the enactment of the
4 Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Right Act of 1965; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. King's philosophy and values provide our
6 youth with ideals to bridge into adulthood; and

7 WHEREAS, It is fitting that the legacy of Dr. King be
8 proclaimed by the naming of the Mission Avenue bridge in his
9 honor now; and

10 WHEREAS, The bridge will be visible to Oceanside visitors
11 and residents to serve as a reminder of this American icon; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
15 Mission Avenue bridge at Interstate 5 in the City of Oceanside,
16 California as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Bridge;
17 and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
19 to determine the cost of erecting appropriate signs, consistent with
20 the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing
21 this special designation and, upon receiving donations from
22 nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
23 further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
25 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
26 for appropriate distribution.