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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 65**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hall**

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bonta, Brown, Holden, Jones-Sawyer, Levine, Mitchell, Ting, ~~and Weber~~ Weber, Achadjian, Alejo, Atkins, Bloom, Bocanegra, Bonilla, Bradford, Buchanan, Ian Calderon, Campos, Chau, Cooley, Dahle, Daly, Dickinson, Eggman, Fong, Fox, Garcia, Gatto, Gomez, Gonzalez, Gorell, Gray, Hagman, Harkey, Roger Hernández, Linder, Logue, Maienschein, Medina, Morrell, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, Nestande, Olsen, Pan, Patterson, Perea, John A. Pérez, V. Manuel Pérez, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Rendon, Salas, Stone, Wagner, Waldron, Wilk, Williams, and Yamada)**

(Coauthors: Senators Price and Wright)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 65—Relative to the Willie L. Brown, Jr. Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 65, as amended, Hall. The Willie L. Brown, Jr. Bridge.

This measure would name the western span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge the Willie L. Brown, Jr. Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for erecting 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, Willie L. Brown, Jr. was born on March 20, 1934,  
2 in Mineola, Texas, and was the son of Minnie Collins Boyd and  
3 Willie Lewis Brown, Sr. and grandson of Anna Collins. He married  
4 the former Blanche Vitero in September 1957. He is the father of  
5 four children: Susan Elizabeth Brown, Robin Elaine Brown-Friedel,  
6 Michael Elliot Brown, and Sydney Minetta Brown; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown received a bachelor of arts degree from  
8 San Francisco State University in 1955 and a juris doctor from the  
9 University of California, Hastings College of Law, in 1958. He  
10 was admitted to the practice of law in the State of California and  
11 to the federal court, including the United States Supreme Court;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was first elected in 1964 and served in  
14 all of the following capacities: as a Member of the California State  
15 Assembly from 1965 to 1995, as Speaker of the California State  
16 Assembly as the longest serving Speaker in California history,  
17 from 1980 to 1995, and the first African American; and two terms  
18 as the 41st Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, from  
19 January 8, 1996, to January 8, 2004; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown served as the Chair of the Assembly  
21 Ways and Means Committee and the Chair of the Assembly  
22 Revenue and Taxation Committee; served on the Board of Trustees  
23 of the California State University system and as a Regent of the  
24 University of California; and served on the Board of Administration  
25 of the California Public Employees' Retirement System; and

26 WHEREAS, As mayor of California's most cosmopolitan city,  
27 he refurbished and rebuilt one of the nation's busiest transit  
28 systems, pioneered the use of bond measures to build affordable  
29 housing, created a model juvenile justice system, and paved the  
30 way for creating the expansion campus of the University of  
31 California, San Francisco, to serve as the anchor of a new  
32 development that would position the city as a center for the  
33 burgeoning field of biotechnology; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown is widely regarded as one of the most  
35 influential politicians of the late 20th century, and has been at the  
36 center of California politics, government, and civic life for an  
37 astonishing four decades; and

38 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown's career spans the American presidency  
39 from Lyndon Johnson to Barack Obama, and he has worked with  
40 every California Governor from Edmund Gerald "Pat" Brown, Sr.,

1 to Edmund Gerald “Jerry” Brown, Jr., and has left his imprimatur  
2 on every aspect of politics and public policy in the Golden State,  
3 including civil rights, education reform, tax policy, economic  
4 development, health care, international trade, domestic  
5 partnerships, and affirmative action; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, Mr. Brown heads the Willie L. Brown, Jr.  
7 Institute on Politics and Public Service, where he shares his vast  
8 political knowledge and skills with a new generation of California  
9 leaders; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
11 *thereof concurring*, That the California Legislature takes great  
12 pride in recognizing Willie L. Brown, Jr. for all of his political,  
13 professional, and personal accomplishments by naming the western  
14 span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge the Willie L.  
15 Brown, Jr. Bridge to honor and commemorate his many  
16 contributions to California; and be it further

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

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
24 of this resolution to the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly,  
25 the President pro Tempore of the Senate, the California Legislative  
26 Black Caucus, the Director of Transportation, and the author for  
27 appropriate distribution.

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