

**Introduced by Senator Correa**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 85—Relative to the Viet Dzung Human Rights Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 85, as introduced, Correa. Viet Dzung Human Rights Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 39 (Beach Boulevard) in the County of Orange as the Viet Dzung Human Rights Memorial Highway. 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, Prior to his death in December 2013, at the age of  
2 55 years, Viet Dzung was a recognized musician, songwriter,  
3 emcee, community leader, and an ardent voice for freedom, human  
4 rights, and democracy, particularly in Vietnam; and

5 WHEREAS, Viet Dzung was born in Saigon, Vietnam, on  
6 September 8, 1958, to a former member of parliament and a school  
7 teacher; and

8 WHEREAS, After the end of the Vietnam War, he fled to  
9 Singapore before moving to the United States in 1976 and being  
10 reunited with his family; and

11 WHEREAS, Viet Dzung's father served honorably as a South  
12 Vietnamese military police officer and suffered at the hands of a  
13 communist government as a prisoner in a concentration camp for

1 seven years, and his mother struggled every day to support her  
2 family in postwar Vietnam; and

3 WHEREAS, Drawing strength from his family's refugee  
4 experience, Viet Dzung was a champion involved in and leading  
5 the Vietnamese American community to honor the Vietnamese  
6 culture and to celebrate, defend, and press for freedoms both here  
7 and in Vietnam; and

8 WHEREAS, Viet Dzung was instrumental as an organizer and  
9 emcee for the annual Black April Commemoration at the Vietnam  
10 War Memorial in the City of Westminster to honor United States  
11 and South Vietnamese veterans and the soldiers who sacrificed  
12 their lives for freedom during the Vietnam War; and

13 WHEREAS, Viet Dzung reached out to and involved thousands  
14 of Vietnamese Americans, including performers, singers, students,  
15 business owners, religious leaders, and nonprofit leaders, as a daily  
16 voice on Radio Bolsa every morning providing news and public  
17 service announcements to the largest Vietnamese American  
18 community in the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, Viet Dzung, whose real name was Nguyen Ngoc  
20 Hung Dung, was respected in Little Saigon and worldwide for his  
21 dedication to the Vietnamese refugee community and his  
22 commitment to fighting for human rights, religious freedom, and  
23 democracy in Vietnam; and

24 WHEREAS, Thousands of people have been inspired by Viet  
25 Dzung's activism, music, and art throughout his meaningful life;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Viet Dzung's life serves as an example of how one  
28 person can have a positive impact on those around him and his  
29 community; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
32 portion of State Highway Route 39 (Beach Boulevard) between  
33 State Highway Route 405 and Talbert Avenue in the County of  
34 Orange as the Viet Dzung Human Rights Memorial Highway; and  
35 be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
37 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the  
38 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this  
39 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate

1 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
2 further  
3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
4 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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