

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 85

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 90

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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

This measure would designate a specified portion of State 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.

WHEREAS, Prior to his death in December 2013, at the age of 55 years, Viet Dzung was a recognized musician, songwriter, emcee, community leader, and an ardent voice for freedom, human rights, and democracy, particularly in Vietnam; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Viet Dzung's life serves as an example of how one person can have a positive impact on those in his or her community; now, therefore, be it

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

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

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