

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 21, 2015

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 23**

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**Introduced by Senator Gaines**

February 27, 2015

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to the Paul J. Lunardi Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 23, as amended, Gaines. Paul J. Lunardi Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate *a specified portion of State Highway Route 267 in the Counties of Nevada and County of Placer* as the Paul J. Lunardi Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of 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, Paul J. Lunardi was born ~~Sept.~~ *on September 30*,  
2     1921, in Roseville, California, and lived his entire life at the family  
3     home on Earl Avenue; and

4     WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from Roseville High School,  
5     Lunardi enlisted in the United States Coast Guard during World  
6     War II. After the war, he was elected to the Roseville City Council  
7     in 1950 and 1954, winning the mayoral seat in the latter year; and

8     WHEREAS, During his tenure on the city council, Lunardi was  
9     instrumental in the adoption of a city charter for the  
10    council-manager form of government and successfully established  
11    a community hospital, developed a municipal fire department,  
12    established an updated street lighting system, obtained central

1 valley federal power for the city, and expanded sewage, water,  
2 and electric distribution systems. His outstanding record of  
3 achievement earned Lunardi a highly coveted “Outstanding Young  
4 Men of California” award presented by the State Junior Chamber  
5 of Commerce on January 8, 1955; and

6 WHEREAS, Lunardi’s entry into politics “was just sort of  
7 accidental,” and as he used to say, “I just kind of expressed myself  
8 about what was happening in Roseville”; and

9 WHEREAS, Lunardi was elected to the State Assembly in 1958,  
10 representing the 6th Assembly District, which spanned 11 mountain  
11 counties. He served in the Assembly until 1963 when he was  
12 elected to the State Senate to represent the 7th Senate District,  
13 which included the Counties of Sierra, Nevada, and Placer. He  
14 retired in 1966 due to redistricting; and

15 WHEREAS, One of Lunardi’s proudest accomplishments was  
16 his legislation designating the ghost town of Bodie as a State  
17 Historic Park. Bodie is now listed on the National Register of  
18 Historic Places and is one of the best preserved and most visited  
19 (200,000 people a year) ghost towns in the nation; and

20 WHEREAS, Lunardi introduced the first bill in the state’s  
21 history to assess farmland at a lower tax rate. The bill later passed  
22 with the help of ~~Assemblyman~~ *Assembly Member* John Williamson  
23 and is now known as the Williamson Act; and

24 WHEREAS, Skiers and mountain residents still benefit from  
25 one of Lunardi’s major legislative accomplishments that designated  
26 the “Truckee shortcut” as State Highway Route 267, that links the  
27 City of Truckee to Kings Beach. Prior to 1965, the road was  
28 regularly closed by snow in the winter. Lunardi’s legislation  
29 enabled the road to remain open year-round, worth millions of  
30 dollars to the area’s tourism and ski industries, and ~~allowing~~  
31 *allowed* for the development of Northstar Ski Resort; and

32 WHEREAS, Lunardi was honored in 2008 when his hometown  
33 of Roseville dedicated a park in his name, to honor his civic  
34 ~~achievements~~, *achievements* and his dedication to the community  
35 where he lived his entire life; and

36 WHEREAS, Lunardi passed away peacefully on January 11,  
37 2013, at ~~the age of 91~~, *91 years of age* and was laid to rest in his  
38 beloved Roseville, California; and

39 WHEREAS, Designating *a portion of* State Highway Route  
40 267, that links the City of Truckee to Kings ~~Beach~~ *Beach*, as the

1 ~~“Paul Paul J. Lunardi Memorial Highway”~~ Highway would be an  
2 appropriate honor for this visionary leader who fought to develop  
3 this highway; now, therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
5 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the*  
6 *approximately 4.2 mile portion of State Highway Route ~~267~~, 267*  
7 *that ~~links the City of Truckee to~~ ends at Kings Beach, in the*  
8 *Counties of Nevada and County of Placer, as the “Paul Paul J.*  
9 *Lunardi Memorial Highway”; Highway; and be it further*

10 *Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested*  
11 *to determine the cost of erecting appropriate signs, consistent with*  
12 *the signing requirements of the state highway system, showing*  
13 *this special designation and, upon receiving donations from*  
14 *nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it*  
15 *further*

16 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*  
17 *this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author*  
18 *for appropriate distribution.*