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**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 *Senator* Paul J. Lunardi Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 267 in the County of Placer as the *Senator* 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 on September 30, 1921,
- 2 in Roseville, California, and lived his entire life at the family home
- 3 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

1 WHEREAS, During his tenure on the city council, Lunardi was  
2 instrumental in the adoption of a city charter for the  
3 council-manager form of government and successfully established  
4 a community hospital, developed a municipal fire department,  
5 established an updated street lighting system, obtained central  
6 valley federal power for the city, and expanded sewage, water,  
7 and electric distribution systems. His outstanding record of  
8 achievement earned Lunardi a highly coveted “Outstanding Young  
9 Men of California” award presented by the State Junior Chamber  
10 of Commerce on January 8, 1955; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, One of *Senator* Lunardi’s proudest  
21 accomplishments was his legislation designating the ghost town  
22 of Bodie as a State Historic Park. Bodie is now listed on the  
23 National Register of Historic Places and is one of the best preserved  
24 and most visited (200,000 people a year) ghost towns in the nation;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, *Senator* Lunardi introduced the first bill in the  
27 state’s history to assess farmland at a lower tax rate. The bill later  
28 passed with the help of Assembly Member John Williamson and  
29 is now known as the Williamson Act; and

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

38 WHEREAS, *Senator* Lunardi was honored in 2008 when his  
39 hometown of Roseville dedicated a park in his name, to honor his

1 civic achievements and his dedication to the community where he  
2 lived his entire life; and

3 WHEREAS, *Senator* Lunardi passed away peacefully on January  
4 11, 2013, at 91 years of age and was laid to rest in his beloved  
5 Roseville, California; and

6 WHEREAS, Designating a portion of State Highway Route  
7 267, that links the City of Truckee to Kings Beach, as the *Senator*  
8 Paul J. Lunardi Memorial Highway would be an appropriate honor  
9 for this visionary leader who fought to develop this highway; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
13 ~~5-mile~~ *five-mile* portion of State Highway Route 267 from postmile  
14 4.898 to the end of State Highway Route 267 at postmile 9.898 in  
15 the County of Placer, as the *Senator* Paul J. Lunardi Memorial  
16 Highway; and be it further

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

23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
24 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
25 for appropriate distribution.

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