

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 96

Introduced by Assembly Member Rogers
(Coauthor: Senator McGuire)

June 11, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 96—Relative to the Assembly Member Patty Berg Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 96, as introduced, Rogers. Assembly Member Patty Berg Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Route 101 in the County of Humboldt as the Assembly Member Patty Berg Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Patricia “Patty” Berg was born in Seattle,
- 2 Washington, on June 6, 1942; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Patty graduated from California State University,
- 4 Los Angeles, with a bachelor’s degree in sociology and social
- 5 welfare, and in 1970 she met her future husband, Patrick Murphy,
- 6 who passed away in 1987; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Patty made significant contributions to the
- 8 community throughout her lifetime, as she worked for the County
- 9 of Humboldt and the Humboldt Senior Resource Center, she
- 10 founded and served as the executive director for the Area Agency

1 on Aging for Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, for which she
2 received national honors and recognition for her work, and she
3 testified before Congress and in Sacramento for policy changes to
4 support older adults; and

5 WHEREAS, Patty made numerous contributions to the local
6 community, cofounded the Redwood Coast Music Festival, the
7 largest event for tourism in the County of Humboldt at the time,
8 and advocated locally for Planned Parenthood, Hospice of
9 Humboldt, and Life Plan Humboldt; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2002, Patty was elected to the State Assembly,
11 where she served with distinction for six years representing District
12 One, serving the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake,
13 Mendocino, Sonoma, and Trinity; and

14 WHEREAS, During her tenure in the State Assembly, Patty
15 served as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging and
16 Long-Term Care, Chair of the Select Committee on Fisheries and
17 Aquaculture, and Chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2006, Patty led efforts to cause the state to
19 publish a master plan on aging; and

20 WHEREAS, Patty believed so strongly in a person's right to
21 die as they chose that she authored "death with dignity" legislation
22 to allow aid in dying, and, while the legislation didn't pass right
23 away, it served as the foundation for future death with dignity
24 legislation that did pass in 2015; and

25 WHEREAS, Patty passed away on November 19, 2024, at 82
26 years of age, leaving behind her brother, sister, stepdaughter,
27 stepson and stepgranddaughters; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
30 portion of State Route 101 from the 14th Street Overcrossing
31 04-0245, at postmile 86.501, to Turner Draw, at postmile 89.181,
32 in the County of Humboldt, as the Assembly Member Patty Berg
33 Memorial Highway; and be it further

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

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
- 3 for appropriate distribution.

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