



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Board of Supervisors  
Department No.: 011  
For Agenda Of: April 9, 2013  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Board Member(s) Salud Carbajal – (805) 568-2186  
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**SUBJECT:** Sponsorship of National Purple Heart Trail, State Senate Concurrent Resolution 27

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve sponsorship of Senate Concurrent Resolution 27, National Purple Heart Trail; and
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Letter of Sponsorship.

**Summary Text:**

The First District Office was contacted by representatives from the local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart requesting that the County apply for permits to allow for the installation of Purple Heart Trail signs along Highway 101. To install Purple Heart Trail signs, the state legislature must adopt a resolution to designate a specific portion of Highway 101 for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail. State Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 27 authored by Senator Hanna Beth Jackson will designate portions of Highway 101 as part of the National Purple Heart Trail. SCR 27 will also include all of Ventura County. Both Ventura and Santa Barbara County will be co-sponsors of SCR 27 along with Senator Jackson.

**Background:** Chartered by Congress in 1958, The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is composed of military men and women who received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat. In 1992 MOPH worked with the U.S. Congress to establish the Purple Heart Trail which is designed to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. The Trail is

intended to create a visual reminder to those who use the road system that others have paid a high price for their freedom to travel and live in a free society.

In 2009, then Assembly Member Sam Blakeslee sponsored a state resolution that included Highway 101 in Santa Barbara County as part the Purple Heart Trail from mile marker 36.16 in the South up to the San Luis Obispo County Line. This resolution also included all of San Luis Obispo County and a portion of Monterey County. Subsequently, Purple Heart Trail signs have been installed along Highway 101 in Northern Santa Barbara County.

In 2012 representatives from the local Chapter of the MOPH approached Supervisor Salud Carbajal in Santa Barbara County and Supervisor Kathy Long in Ventura County with a request to extend the Purple Heart Trail to include the remainder of Southern Santa Barbara County and all of Ventura County in the National Purple Heart Trail. Upon completion, all of Highway 101 in the Tri-Counties would be designated as part of the Purple Heart Trail, a distance of approximately 250 miles. Senator Hanna Beth Jackson has agreed to introduce the required state resolution and proposes joint sponsorship of SCR 27, given the counties role in the creation of this proposal.

**Performance Measure:**

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Sponsoring legislation is an administrative action to allow for future installation of signs. Funding and maintenance for signs would be considered at a later time with the potential partnership of MOPH and/or other organizations.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

N/A

**Special Instructions:**

Send attached letter of sponsorship to Senator Hanna Beth Jackson

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: SCR 27

Attachment B: Letter of sponsorship

**Authored by:**

Eric Friedman

**cc:**

**Introduced by Senator Jackson**  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Williams)

April 1, 2013

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27—Relative to the National Purple Heart Trail.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 27, as introduced, Jackson. National Purple Heart Trail.

This measure would designate specified portions of State Highway Route 101 in the Counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The National Purple Heart Trail was established  
2 in 1992 for the purpose of commemorating and honoring men and  
3 women who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving  
4 in the United States Armed Forces; and  
5 WHEREAS, The National Purple Heart Trail courses its way  
6 across the vast majority of the United States; and  
7 WHEREAS, In 2001, pursuant to the Senate Concurrent  
8 Resolution 14, the Legislature designated portions of State  
9 Highway Routes 5 and 80 as California's selections for inclusion  
10 in the National Purple Heart Trail; and  
11 WHEREAS, In 2009, pursuant to Assembly Concurrent  
12 Resolution 12, the Legislature designated a specified portion of  
13 State Highway Route 101 in the Counties of Monterey, San Luis

1 Obispo, and Santa Barbara for inclusion in the National Purple  
2 Heart Trail; and

3 WHEREAS, The Legislature finds that it is appropriate to  
4 designate additional portions of the state highway system for  
5 inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail in order to honor the  
6 men and women who have been wounded or killed in combat while  
7 serving in the United States Armed Forces; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
9 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the  
10 portion of State Highway Route 101 in the County of Santa Barbara  
11 from mile marker 36.16 to the Santa Barbara and Ventura County  
12 line, and the entire portion of State Highway Route 101 in the  
13 County of Ventura, for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail;  
14 and be it further

15 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested,  
16 upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost  
17 of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for  
18 the state highway system, to determine the appropriate sign  
19 locations and erect those signs; and be it further

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

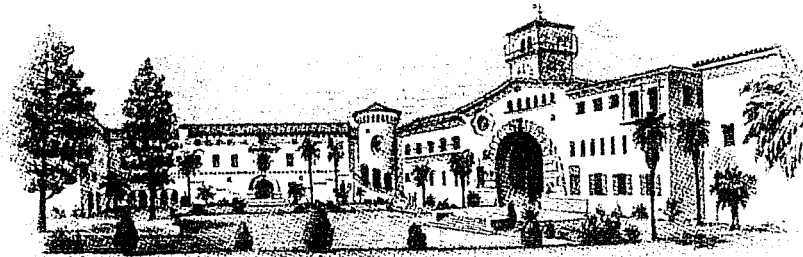
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## **COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

April 9, 2013

Honorable Hannah Beth Jackson  
State Capitol, Room 5080  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SCR 27 – National Purple Heart Trail

Dear Senator Jackson;

On our April 9, 2013 meeting, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors voted to approve sponsorship of Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 27 – National Purple Heart Trail.

The National Purple Heart Trail was established by the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) in 1992, chartered by an Act of Congress, to commemorate and honor men and women who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Residents of the County of Santa Barbara have great admiration and gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and community in the United States Armed Forces. Furthermore, Vandenberg Air Force Base is located within Santa Barbara County making our region home to a number of current and retired military personnel.

In August of 2009, Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 12 designated a portion of U.S. 101 in Monterey County, all of San Luis Obispo County and a portion of Santa Barbara County from the San Luis Obispo County Line to mile marker 36.16 as part of the National Purple Heart Trail. In 2012, Supervisor Carbajal was contacted by representatives of the local chapter of the MOPH requesting that the remainder of Santa Barbara County be included as part of the National Purple Heart Trail.

SCR 27 will fulfill this request, along with designating all of Ventura County as part of the Trail. Combined with the previous action of ACR 12, the entire Tri-County region along U.S. 101 will be part of the National Purple Heart Trail, a distance of approximately 250 miles.

Our Board appreciates the opportunity to join you and Ventura County in sponsoring SCR 27.

Sincerely,

Salud Carbajal  
Chair, Board of Supervisors