

Date of Hearing: June 27, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 197 (Gatto) – As Introduced June 16, 2016

SUBJECT: Jackie Robinson Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a segment of Interstate 210 between State Route 2 and Orange Grove Boulevard in Los Angeles County as the Jackie Robinson Memorial Highway. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the many lifetime accomplishments of Jack Roosevelt "Jackie" Robinson.
- 2) Designates a specific segment of Interstate 210, between State Route 2 and Orange Grove Boulevard in Los Angeles County, as the "Jackie Robinson Memorial Highway."
- 3) Requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

EXISTING LAW: Assigns Caltrans the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways. This includes the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the measure requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: This resolution recalls the remarkable career and lifetime achievements of Jackie Robinson. While Mr. Robinson is best known for breaking the color barrier in major league baseball, his other accomplishments are numerous. For example, he was an extraordinary athlete, becoming the first University of California at Los Angeles Bruin to letter in four sports. Later, he served his county honorably as a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

In playing ten seasons in major league baseball, Mr. Robinson stood defiantly against those who would work against racial equality. In 1962, Mr. Robinson became the first African American to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. His baseball number, 42, is the only number to be retired by all of baseball in honor of his accomplishments. Every year, on the anniversary of Jackie Robinson's historic debut, all major league baseball teams across the nation celebrate this milestone by wearing jerseys with only "42" on the back.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife, Rachel Isum Robinson and two children.

This bill designates a portion of Interstate 210, near where Jackie Robinson grew up, as the "Jackie Robinson Memorial Highway."

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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