

Date of Hearing: June 29, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

SCR 121 (Dahle) – As Introduced February 11, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: The Purple Heart Community

SUMMARY: Designates a specified portion of State Route 162 in Glenn County as the Purple Heart Community and requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) 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.

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

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the measure requests that Caltrans determine the cost of appropriate signage consistent with requirements for the state highway system, and only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: *According to the author,* “The Purple Heart Community designation honors the service and sacrifice of the men and women from Glenn County who were wounded or killed in combat while serving our nation. By recognizing this segment of State Route 162 in the City of Willows as a Purple Heart Community, this resolution provides a visible tribute to local veterans and reinforces the community’s commitment to honoring those who have sacrificed in defense of our country.”

The City of Willows is a designated "Purple Heart City," a distinction that underscores the municipality’s commitment to honoring and supporting veterans, particularly those wounded or killed in combat. The City of Willows, in collaboration with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1770 and its Auxiliary, actively supports the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, which aims to promote patriotism and ensure the sacrifices of combat-wounded veterans are recognized.

The City of Willows proposes the installation of a public display to formally acknowledge its status as a "Purple Heart Community." This initiative is intended to serve as a visible tribute to Purple Heart recipients and to promote public education regarding the significance of the award. The project is designed to reinforce the City's appreciation for military service while fostering community awareness of the history and distinction associated with the Purple Heart.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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