

Date of Hearing: September 13, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 110 (Gloria) – As Amended September 5, 2017

SUBJECT: City of San Diego's Naval Training Station

SUMMARY: Designates specified exits on Interstate 5 (I-5) as the routes for reaching the historic Naval Training Station in the City of San Diego. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the history of the Naval Training Station, now known as Liberty Station, in the City of San Diego.
- 2) Designates the Hawthorn Street and Brant Street exits on I-5 north and the Sea World Drive exit on I-5 south as the defined routes for reaching the historic landmark, the Naval Training Station.
- 3) Requests that the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of the appropriate historic landmark signs, consistent with the signing requirements of the state highway system, showing this designation, and upon receiving donations from non-state sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect the historic landmark signs.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Assigns the Caltrans the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways including the installation and maintenance of highway signs.
- 2) Authorizes Caltrans to place and maintain signs on the state highways directing motorists to communities with cultural significance, as defined.

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

COMMENTS: The author seeks to highlight and direct people to the historic Liberty Station to encourage the continued growth and redevelopment of this area of San Diego by erecting historic landmark signs on I-5. Liberty Station is the site of the former San Diego Naval Training Station. It was founded in 1923 and tripled in size during World War II. This expansion marked the addition of buildings and barracks built in the Spanish Colonial Revival style that is prevalent among other historic areas of San Diego. The Station served as one of the United States Navy's central training facilities until its closure in 1997.

After the closure of the Station, the City of San Diego formed a reuse committee made up numerous stakeholders including environmental, business, cultural, nonprofit, and community groups to plan for the future use of the property. In 2003, the Liberty Station Community Association was created to manage and maintain the vision of the reuse committee for the former Naval Training Station, and in 2001, the Station was added to the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service.

Today, Liberty Station has become a culinary, art, cultural and shopping destination nestled in 125 acres of open space and, according to the author, this resolution would help inform and

invite more guests to experience the historic district and aid in its preservation, while honoring the military's rich and significant history.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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