

Date of Hearing: June 13, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

SCR 102 (Nguyen) – As Amended March 7, 2016

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Joan Lind Van Blom Memorial Bridge

SUMMARY: Designates a bridge on State Highway Route 1 (SR 1) in the City of Long Beach as the “Joan Lind Van Blom Memorial Bridge.” Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Joan Lind Van Blom, an Olympic athlete and Long Beach Unified School District teacher.
- 2) Designates the Los Alamitos Bay Bridge on SR 1 south of Loynes Drive and North of East 2nd Street in the City of Long Beach as the “Joan Lind Van Blom Memorial Bridge.”
- 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: Joan Lind Van Blom was the first woman to win an Olympic medal for the United States in rowing, winning a silver medal in the single sculls at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal and in the quadruple sculls at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Ms. Van Blom won 14 national titles, holds 11 world records, and medaled internationally as a coach in the Pan American Games. She had a 35-year career with the Long Beach Unified School District as a physical education teacher and curriculum leader. She has been inducted into the Wilson High School, Long Beach State 49er, Century Club, and National Rowing halls of fame, and was declared a lifetime member of the Long Beach Rowing Association. Joan Lind Van Blom passed away in August 2015 and is survived by her husband, son, and sisters. This resolution designating a bridge on SR 1 in Long Beach in her honor acknowledges the contributions Ms. Van Blom made to her community.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California State University, Long Beach
City of Long Beach
Honorable Suzie A. Price, Long Beach City Councilwoman
Long Beach Aquatic Capital of America
Long Beach Century Club

Long Beach Lifeguard Alumni Association

Opposition

None on file

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