

Date of Hearing: 08-30-2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

SCR 111 (Dodd) – As Introduced May 27, 2022

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** Congressional Gold Medal Memorial Interchange

**SUMMARY:** Designates the highway interchange of Interstate 80 and Interstate 780 in the City of Vallejo in the County of Solano as the Congressional Gold Medal Memorial Interchange.

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

**FISCAL EFFECT:** According to the Senate Appropriations Committee, pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8, negligible state costs.

**COMMENTS:** The City of Vallejo is the home of the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard and has a large concentration of veterans who have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States.

These service members have served in peacetime and war, including World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Philippines, and other places.

Many of these service members are being honored by the United States government for their actions in various theaters of war and conflict, as well as for their distinguished peacetime achievements.

The soldiers, Marines, sailors, and airmen sent to war to defend our great nation personify the extraordinary commitment, dedication, and sacrifices of these service members and their families.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the United States Congress' highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions that may be awarded to recognize individuals, groups, or institutions.

Dedication of a memorial interchange to honor all the Congressional Gold Medal recipients from General George Washington to the African American "Hidden Figures" NASA mathematicians and engineers, and various other warriors, including the Native American Code Talkers, Tuskegee Airmen, Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II, Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Montford Point Marines, Hispanic 65th Infantry Regiment, Filipino veterans of World War II, and the Chinese American veterans of World War II, would appropriately express our appreciation of and indebtedness to them for their service to our country.

*According to the author, “The City of Vallejo in the County of Solano is the home of the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard and has a large concentration of veterans who have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States. Many of these service members are being honored by the United States government for their actions in various theaters of war and conflict, as well as for their distinguished peacetime achievements. The Congressional Gold Medal is the United States Congress’ highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions that may be awarded to recognize individuals, groups, or institutions. SCR 111 would honor all the recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal by designating the highway interchange of Interstate 80 and Interstate 780 in the City of Vallejo in the County of Solano as the Congressional Gold Medal Memorial Interchange. Dedication of a memorial interchange to honor all the Congressional Gold Medal recipients would appropriately express appreciation of these recipients for their distinguished contributions and patriotism to our great country.”*

*In support, the Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building Council writes, “This will honor all the CGM recipients from General George Washington dated March 25, 1776 to the Crew of the USS Indianapolis dated December 20, 2018, as well as various warriors including the Navajo and Native American Code Talkers; Tuskegee Airmen; Women Airforce Service Pilots; the Japanese American 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, the 442<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment; Filipino Works War II Veterans; and the Chinese American Veterans of World War II.”*

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:****Support**

County of Solano  
Solano County Board of Supervisors  
Vallejo Mayor Robert Mcconnell  
Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building Council

**Opposition**

None on file.

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