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Senator Hueso Honors Fallen Caltrans Worker

Chaptered Resolution Renames Portion of SR-94 Stephen Palmer, Sr. Memorial Highway

(Sacramento, CA) –State Senator Ben Hueso’s Senate Concurrent Resolution 38 was Chaptered with the Secretary of State, honoring Mr. Stephen Palmer, Sr., a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Imperial Landscape crew member who was killed while on the job. SCR 38 names a portion of State Route 94, between Old Campo Road and Melody Road, in San Diego County as the “Stephen Palmer, Sr. Memorial Highway.” The resolution requests that Caltrans provide signs recognizing Mr. Palmer upon receiving donations from non-state sources to cover the costs.

“Mr. Palmer was an important member of the Caltrans family and we hope that this resolution pays proper tribute to his dedication and service,” said Senator Hueso.

Mr. Palmer, Sr. began working for Caltrans in 2007, where he quickly became an integral member of Caltrans’ District 11 Imperial Landscape Crew. He died at the age of 64 on May 4, 2011 from injuries sustained while performing landscaping duties for Caltrans. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Bertha, three sons, including Stephen Palmer, Jr., who also works for Caltrans District 11, one daughter, and a host of other extended family and friends.

“I am very happy to see this resolution signed to honor Caltrans Landscape Maintenance Worker Stephen Palmer, Sr. It is important to the Palmer family, as well as the Caltrans family. Appreciation goes to Senator Hueso for his help to make this happen,” said Laurie Berman, Caltrans District 11 Director.

“On behalf of our family, we want to thank Senator Hueso for all of his work in moving this resolution,” said Stephen Palmer, Jr. “Our father was a proud member of the Caltrans Imperial Landscape crew and would call the ‘outdoors’ his office. He planted shrubs and repaired sprinklers knowing that thousands of people would see his work at the end of the day. In this way, he put his own special touch on this paradise we call California.”

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Senator Ben Hueso represents California’s 40th Senate District, which includes the cities of Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach, Coronado, a portion of the City of San Diego, Imperial County, and the southern part of Riverside.