

Senate Bill No. 331—Senators Spearman, Woodhouse, Parks, Settlemeyer; Brooks, Cannizzaro, Denis, Dondero Loop, Harris, Kieckhefer, Ohrenschall, Pickard, Ratti, Scheible, Seevers Gansert and Washington

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AN ACT relating to highways; designating Interstate Highway No. 11 in Nevada as the Purple Heart Highway; directing the Director of the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

This bill designates the portion of Interstate Highway No. 11 situated in Nevada as the Purple Heart Highway. This bill requires the Director of the Department of Transportation to erect and maintain suitable markers along the route of the Highway, and authorizes the Director to accept gifts, grants and donations to help pay the costs of such markers and maintenance.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

WHEREAS, The Purple Heart medal was originally established by General George Washington in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit to recognize meritorious service and is frequently described as the military’s oldest medal; and

WHEREAS, The Purple Heart is now awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States for wounds or death as a result of an act of any opposing armed force, as a result of an international terrorist attack or as a result of military operations while serving as part of a peacekeeping force; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada recognizes, reveres and honors its citizens who have been awarded the Purple Heart and acknowledges and appreciates the sacrifices such citizens have made in defense of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Transportation has begun construction of Interstate Highway No. 11, a portion of the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways; and

WHEREAS, The people of Nevada wish to express their pride in and gratitude towards the many Nevadans who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal in the service of this country; now therefore,



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The portion of Interstate Highway No. 11 which is located in this State is hereby designated the Purple Heart Highway. The Director of the Department of Transportation shall:

1. Install suitable markers reflecting this designation along that portion of the interstate highway at such points as deemed appropriate by the Director;

2. Maintain the markers as deemed appropriate by the Director; and

3. Accept any gifts, grants or donations by any person, including, without limitation, local governments and business organizations located along Interstate Highway No. 11, to help pay for the costs of installing and maintaining the markers in their respective areas.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

