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CONSENT

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Bill No: ACR 112  
Author: Bigelow (R), et al.  
Amended: 7/30/20 in Senate  
Vote: 21

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: 13-1, 8/4/20  
AYES: Beall, Bates, Allen, Dahle, Dodd, Galgiani, Lena Gonzalez, McGuire,  
Morrell, Roth, Rubio, Umberg, Wieckowski  
NOES: Skinner  
NO VOTE RECORDED: Melendez

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: Senate Rule 28.8

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 75-0, 9/14/19 (Consent) - See last page for vote

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**SUBJECT:** Chiura Obata Great Nature Memorial Highway

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution designates a portion of State Route 120 in the County of Mono as the Chiura Obata Great Nature Memorial Highway.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution designates the portion of State Route 120 in the County of Mono as the Chiura Obata Great Nature Memorial Highway. This resolution requests that the Department of Transportation to erect appropriate signs upon receiving sufficient donations from non-state sources to cover the costs.

**Background**

Chiura Obata was a painter, born on November 18, 1885, in Japan. In 1903, Obata immigrated to the United States, settling in San Francisco where he cofounded the East West Art Society to promote a uniting of Asian and Western art traditions. While incarcerated at the Topaz War Relocation Center during World War 2, he was able to create an art school with over 600 students. After the war, Obata

continued to visit Yosemite and the eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains to paint his landscapes. From 1955 to 1970, until he was 85 years of age, Obata traveled throughout California, giving lectures and demonstrations on Japanese brush painting and in 1965, in Japan, Obata received the Emperor's Award, the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Fifth Class, in recognition of his efforts to spread cultural understanding.

### **Comments**

*Purpose.* According to the author, "This measure is a tremendous opportunity to honor a painter known for his beautiful artwork of Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada. Recognizing him with a highway memorial resolution on Highway 120 will provide those who honor his memory the chance to do so as they enter a part of the state that he loved very much."

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 8/13/20)

Multiple individuals

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 8/13/20)

None received

**ASSEMBLY FLOOR:** 75-0, 9/14/19

**AYES:** Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Berman, Bigelow, Bloom, Boerner Horvath, Bonta, Brough, Burke, Calderon, Carrillo, Cervantes, Chau, Chen, Chiu, Choi, Chu, Cooley, Cooper, Cunningham, Daly, Eggman, Flora, Fong, Frazier, Friedman, Gabriel, Gallagher, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Gloria, Gonzalez, Gray, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kamlager-Dove, Kiley, Lackey, Levine, Limón, Low, Maienschein, Mathis, Mayes, Melendez, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, Obernolte, O'Donnell, Patterson, Petrie-Norris, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Reyes, Luz Rivas, Robert Rivas, Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Smith, Mark Stone, Ting, Voepel, Waldron, Weber, Wicks, Wood, Rendon

**NO VOTE RECORDED:** Diep, Kalra, McCarty, Medina

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