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Bill No: SCR 117  
Author: Dahle (R), et al.  
Introduced: 2/9/26  
Vote: 21

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: 12-0, 4/7/26

AYES: Cortese, Strickland, Archuleta, Arreguín, Blakespear, Gonzalez, Grayson,  
Menjivar, Richardson, Seyarto, Valladares, Wiener

NO VOTE RECORDED: Dahle

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: Senate Rule 28.8

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**SUBJECT:** John Hughes Memorial Bridge

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This bill designates the Butte City Bridge on State Route (SR) 162 in Glenn County, as the John Hughes Memorial Bridge, as specified.

**ANALYSIS:**

Existing law assigns the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways, including the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

This resolution:

- 1) Provides background on the life of John Hughes, as specified.
- 2) Designates the Butte City Bridge on SR 162 at the Sacramento River in Glenn County, bridge number 11-0100 at postmile 76.660, as the “John Hughes Memorial Bridge.”

- 3) Requests Caltrans to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations.

### **Comments**

*Purpose of the resolution.* According to the author, “The John Hughes Memorial Bridge honors the legacy of a dedicated community member whose work and commitment to local infrastructure helped support the economic and civic life of Butte City and the surrounding region. This designation recognizes Mr. Hughes’ lasting contributions to Northern California and serves as a visible reminder of the individuals whose efforts have strengthened our transportation network and rural communities.”

*Background.* John Hughes, an expert in bridge construction, worked on the construction of several major bridges in Northern California including, the Stony Creek Bridge, the Carquinez Bridge Expansion, and Galena Creek Bridge which won safety and ahead-of-schedule awards in 2011. Winning many safety awards for his bridge work, John was also known for mentoring countless young workers and also known for inventing the “Hughes Bracket” which was widely used to lock down falsework and tie beams together. In tribute to John’s legacy, his wife Sheri, established a memorial scholarship in his name to support young professionals who wish to pursue trade school or construction management.

*Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with committee policy.

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

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 4/21/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 4/21/26)

None received

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