

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4131

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Received

AN ACT

To designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the “Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway”.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Juanita Millender-McDonald was born on
4 September 7, 1938, in Birmingham, Alabama, to the
5 Reverend Shelly and Everlina Dortch Millender.

6 (2) Juanita Millender-McDonald earned her
7 bachelor's degree from the University of Redlands in
8 1981, and her master's degree from California State
9 University, Los Angeles, in 1987.

10 (3) Juanita Millender-McDonald was a true
11 trailblazer, entering public service in 1990 as a
12 member of the Carson City Council and becoming
13 the first African-American woman to serve on the
14 Carson City Council.

15 (4) Continuing as a pioneer, Juanita Millender-
16 McDonald served in the California State Assembly
17 from 1992 to 1996, and in her first term, she be-
18 came the first assembly member to hold the position
19 of chairwoman of two powerful California State As-
20 sembly committees (Insurance and Revenue and
21 Taxation).

22 (5) Continuing to make history, Juanita
23 Millender-McDonald served in the United States
24 House of Representatives from 1996–2007, becom-
25 ing the first African-American woman to chair any
26 full House Committee when on December 19, 2006,

1 she was named Chairwoman of the House Com-
2 mittee on House Administration.

3 (6) A leader among leaders, a University of
4 California study named Juanita Millender-McDonald
5 one of the most effective Members of Congress.

6 (7) As a Member of Congress, Juanita
7 Millender-McDonald was the first African-American
8 woman to give the national Democratic response to
9 President Bush's weekly radio address.

10 (8) Juanita Millender-McDonald initiated the
11 first annual Memorial Day tribute to women in the
12 military at the Women in Military Service For
13 America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

14 (9) As the founder of the Congressional Goods
15 Movement Caucus, Juanita Millender-McDonald was
16 a leader in the promotion of interstate commerce
17 and a tireless advocate for the Port of Long Beach,
18 and the Port of Los Angeles.

19 (10) Juanita Millender-McDonald was instru-
20 mental in the \$2,500,000,000 project that created
21 the Alameda Corridor, a 20-mile rail expressway
22 that opened in April 2002 and is a vital connection
23 between the ports and America's rail system.

24 (11) As the founder and executive director of
25 the League of African-American Women, an organi-

6 The portion of California State Route 91 located in
7 Los Angeles County, California, from post mile 10.4 to
8 post mile 11.1 shall be known and designated as the “Jua-
9 nita Millender-McDonald Highway”.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the portion of California State Route 91 referred to in section 2 shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway”.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.