

House Calendar No. 282

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4131

[Report No. 110–895]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 2007

Ms. RICHARDSON (for herself, Ms. WATSON, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. FARR, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LEE, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. SUTTON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. WYNN, Ms. CARSON, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. WATT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. STARK, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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Additional sponsors: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. ARCURI, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Ms. MATSUI, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO

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

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

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

8 (2) Juanita Millender-McDonald earned her
9 bachelor’s degree from the University of Redlands in
10 1981, and her master’s degree from California State
11 University, Los Angeles, in 1987.

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

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

1 sembly committees (Insurance and Revenue and
2 Taxation).

3 (5) Continuing to make history, Juanita
4 Millender-McDonald served in the United States
5 House of Representatives from 1996–2007, becoming
6 the first African-American woman to chair any
7 full House Committee when on December 19, 2006,
8 she was named Chairwoman of the House Committee
9 on House Administration.

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

13 (7) As a Member of Congress, Juanita
14 Millender-McDonald was the first African-American
15 woman to give the national Democratic response to
16 President Bush’s weekly radio address.

17 (8) Juanita Millender-McDonald initiated the
18 first annual Memorial Day tribute to women in the
19 military at the Women in Military Service For
20 America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

21 (9) As the founder of the Congressional Goods
22 Movement Caucus, Juanita Millender-McDonald was
23 a leader in the promotion of interstate commerce
24 and a tireless advocate for the Port of Long Beach,
25 and the Port of Los Angeles.

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

6 (11) As the founder and executive director of
7 the League of African-American Women, an organi-
8 zation responsible for the annual “AIDS Walk for
9 Minority Women and Children”, the legacy of Jua-
10 nita Millender-McDonald as a humble, selfless cham-
11 pion for women will endure for generations to come.

12 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

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

17 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

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