

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 157

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 145

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 157—Relative to the Filipino-American Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 157, Vargas. Filipino-American Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 54 from its westernmost point to its intersection with State Highway Route 125, in the County of San Diego, as the Filipino-American Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Filipino-Americans have made many contributions to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Among the many past and present Filipino-American historical figures is Carlos Bulosan, a novelist and poet best known for the semi-autobiographical “America is in the Heart,” who was active in labor politics along the Pacific coast of the United States and edited the 1952 yearbook for I.L.W.U. Local 37, a predominantly Filipino-American cannery union based in Seattle. Other Filipino-American historical figures include, Philip Veracruz, a labor leader who helped to found the United Farmworkers Union with Cesar Chavez, and Major General Edward Soriano, the only Filipino-American to have attained the rank of general in the U.S. Armed Forces. Major General Edward Soriano was born in Pangasinan and migrated to the United States with his family at an early age. In 2001, he was the director of operations, readiness, and mobilization at the office of America’s Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans; and

WHEREAS, In the County of San Diego, Filipino-Americans are the largest Asian Pacific Islander group, making up 4.3 percent of the population of the country, with many living in National City, Chula Vista, and Southern San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Their presence and influence is easily seen as it is not uncommon to see Filipino-Americans serving the community as, among other things, professors, doctors, lawyers, business leaders, peace officers, and military personnel; and

WHEREAS, Major Filipino-American groups in the County of San Diego include the Filipino American Educators Association of San Diego

County, the Council of Philippine American Organizations of San Diego County, and the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of San Diego County; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the contributions of Filipino-Americans to the State of California and designates the portion of State Highway Route 54 from its westernmost point to its intersection with State Highway Route 125, in the County of San Diego, as the Filipino-American Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested 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 from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.