

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 39

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 71

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 39—Relative to Wick’s Corner Interchange.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 39, Keene. Wick’s Corner Interchange.

This measure would designate the junction between State Highway Routes 70 and 149 near the City of Oroville, in the County of Butte, as the Wick’s Corner Interchange. 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, Moses Wick was born in Ohio in 1822; and

WHEREAS, Moses Wick served in the Mexican War under the command of General Zachary Taylor, who eventually became President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 1852, Moses Wick moved to California with his wife Maria in a wagon train pulled by his team of oxen on a journey that took six months; and

WHEREAS, The land in the area of the current junction between State Highway Routes 70 and 149 was deeded in 1852 to Moses Wick as a reward for his military service; and

WHEREAS, On September 3, 1852, Moses Wick made a homestead of the 160 acre territory and began raising cattle as a pioneer cattle rancher. Through purchases and other land grants, he eventually owned about 800 acres adjacent to “Wick’s Corner”; and

WHEREAS, Moses Wick made a modest living as a butcher by selling and supplying beef to gold miners and merchants in the area; and

WHEREAS, He also used his faithful team of oxen to haul freight and cargo back and forth to the mines between Oroville and Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, Moses Wick died in 1888 at the age of 66 years and was survived by his second wife Roxie Ann, his son Charles, and daughter Ella Wick Crum; and

WHEREAS, Moses Wick’s cattle ranch was operated until his son Charles sold most of the ranch to Senator Thomas Rockhill in 1906 for \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, Moses Wick’s cattle ranch became a tavern and an early stagecoach stop for the Central Pacific Railroad. Although Wick’s historic

home was demolished in 1947, this area continues to be known as “Wick’s Corner”; and

WHEREAS, The modern State Highway Route 70 was constructed in the 1960s when the former highway was submerged beneath the rising waters of Lake Oroville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merle McAndrews, the great granddaughter of both Moses Wick and Senator Thomas Rockhill, still lives on the property in a portion of one of the original ranches that was built more than 70 years ago; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the junction between State Highway Routes 70 and 149 near the City of Oroville, in the County of Butte, as the Wick’s Corner Interchange; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that 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.