

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 75**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Coto**

August 23, 2007

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 75—Relative to the Chumash Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 75, as introduced, Coto. Chumash Highway.

This measure would designate State Highway Route 154 in Santa Barbara County as the Chumash Highway. The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1     WHEREAS, In prehistoric times, the Chumash territory  
2     encompassed some 7,000 square miles, and today, this same region  
3     in southern central California takes in five counties, including  
4     Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles, and Kern;  
5     and  
6     WHEREAS, While some place names in this geographic region  
7     reflect their Chumash language origins, the trails and routes that  
8     connected them remain unrecognized as the forerunners of today's  
9     highways; and  
10    WHEREAS, State Highway Route 154 follows an elaborate  
11    Chumash trail network, which linked several hundred early  
12    Chumash villages and towns, seasonal encampments, rock art sites,

1 shrines, gathering places, and water sources, and these trails were  
2 vital to sustaining cultural longevity for over 8,000 years in this  
3 region as they formed the foundation for economic and social  
4 exchange among the Chumash; and

5 WHEREAS, In historic times, routes through the Chumash  
6 territory were first recorded in the diaries of the Gaspar de Portola  
7 Expedition in 1769, in which it is noted that in many instances  
8 Chumash Indians led members of the expedition from one village  
9 to another, showing them the trails; and

10 WHEREAS, Many notable works subsequently validate the  
11 location of the Chumash trail system, including along present-day  
12 State Highway Route 154; and

13 WHEREAS, Numerous archeological sites along State Highway  
14 Route 154 further support the historical significance of the area  
15 and the trails to the Chumash; and

16 WHEREAS, It is accordingly appropriate to designate State  
17 Highway Route 154 as the Chumash Highway; now, therefore, be  
18 it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
20 *thereof concurring,* That State Highway Route 154 in Santa  
21 Barbara County is recognized for its historical importance in  
22 Chumash culture; and be it further

23 *Resolved,* That State Highway Route 154 is hereby designated  
24 as the Chumash Highway; and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested  
26 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the  
27 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this  
28 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
29 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

30 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
31 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
32 for appropriate distribution.