

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 71

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 85

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 71—Relative to the Tom Lantos Tunnels at Devil's Slide.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 71, Yee. Tom Lantos Tunnels at Devil's Slide.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 1 in San Mateo County as the Tom Lantos Tunnels at Devil's Slide. The measure would also 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.

WHEREAS, Tom Lantos has served as a member of the United States Congress House of Representatives since January 3, 1981, and is currently serving his 14th and last term; and

WHEREAS, Tom Lantos was born in Budapest, Hungary, on February 1, 1928, and was 16 years old when Nazi Germany occupied his native country; and

WHEREAS, Tom Lantos was a member of the anti-Nazi underground movement and later was part of the anti-Communist student movement, and is the only Holocaust survivor to ever serve in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, An American by choice, Tom Lantos received a B.A. and M.A. in economics from the University of Washington and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, For three decades prior to being elected to the Congress, Tom Lantos was a professor of economics at San Francisco State University, an international affairs analyst for public television, and a consultant to a number of Bay Area businesses, and served in senior advisory roles to members of the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the House of Representatives, Tom Lantos worked diligently to address quality of life issues in Bay Area communities, with a strong record on environmental protection and efforts to reform the nation's energy policy. As a former professor and chairman of the Millbrae Board of Education, Tom Lantos has also been a consistent supporter of public education; and

WHEREAS, Tom Lantos led a major investigation of waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and has been a leader in congressional oversight of federal programs; and

WHEREAS, As Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Tom Lantos has been a strong voice for responsible international involvement and an advocate for participation in international organizations, with an emphasis on human rights, having also founded the Congressional Human Rights Caucus and serving as its cochairman; and

WHEREAS, Tom Lantos has been married to Annette Lantos for over 50 years, and they are the parents of two daughters, Annette Tilleman-Dick and Katrina Swett, and have 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Tom Lantos obtained one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) in federal funds for construction of a bypass of the hazardous coastal State Highway Route 1 at Devil's Slide and led the bipartisan congressional effort urging the President to declare the area eligible for federal disaster assistance, resulting in San Mateo County being eligible for FEMA's Public Assistance Program that provides 75 percent reimbursement for repair or replacement of disaster-damaged public facilities; and

WHEREAS, In April 2007, Tom Lantos successfully pushed for expedited federal small business loans to private, for-profit coastal area businesses that have lost significant clientele due to the closure of State Highway Route 1; and

WHEREAS, Tom Lantos was a staunch advocate of the tunnel project option for the Devil's Slide Bypass, which prevented the construction of a destructive and environmentally damaging highway bypass over Montara Mountain, which was the plan initially proposed by the Department of Transportation and supported by many people; and

WHEREAS, It is therefore appropriate to designate the portion of State Highway Route 1 adjacent to and including the future Devil's Slide Tunnels in San Mateo County as the Tom Lantos Tunnels at Devil's Slide; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the portion of State Highway Route 1 adjacent to and including the future Devil's Slide Tunnels in San Mateo County is hereby designated as the Tom Lantos Tunnels at Devil's Slide; 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 Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.