

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 107

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102—Relative to the Joe Colla Interchange.

[Filed with Secretary of State August 30, 2010.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 102, Coto. Joe Colla Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange of State Highway Routes 680, 280, and 101 in the City of San Jose as the Joe Colla Interchange. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Joseph Anthony Colla actively served the San Jose community during the 1970s as a pharmacist, bike racer, bike race promoter, and San Jose City Council Member; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Joe Colla worked in the 1970s alongside future mayors Norman Mineta and Janet Gray Hayes to help the City of San Jose develop economically and culturally and become described as “San Jose, a City with a Future”; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Joe Colla became a true urban legend when he arranged for a helicopter to lift a Chevy on top of an unfinished and abandoned interchange that had for four years fallen victim to the state’s budget woes and a gasoline shortage; and

WHEREAS, As a direct result of Councilman Joe Colla’s exploits, including posing the question, “Where do I drive from here?” from atop the unfinished interchange, and identifying the monolith as “A Monument to Nowhere,” the City of San Jose received the necessary funding and the interchange project was completed; and

WHEREAS, It is accordingly appropriate to designate the interchange of State Highway Routes 680, 280, and 101 in the City of San Jose as the Joe Colla Interchange; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes Joe Colla, a California leader whose actions ensured the completion of the interchange of State Highway Routes 680, 280, and 101 in the City of San Jose; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature hereby designates the interchange of State Highway Routes 680, 280, and 101 in the City of San Jose as the Joe Colla Interchange; 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 the special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering 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.