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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 154

Introduced by Assembly Member ~~Fuentes~~ *Jeffries*

April 12, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 154—Relative to ~~Universal Preschool Week~~ *Yeager Brothers Overpass*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 154, as amended, ~~Fuentes~~ *Jeffries*. ~~Universal Preschool Week.~~ *Yeager Brothers Overpass*.

This measure would designate the overpass at State Highway Route 60 and State Highway Route 15 in Riverside, California, as the Yeager Brothers Overpass. This 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 those costs, to erect those signs.

~~This measure would proclaim the 4th week of April each year as Universal Preschool Week, and that each house of the Legislature commemorate Universal Preschool Week with appropriate, meaningful activities that will educate the people of California about the value of preschool, and encourage their constituents to enroll their 3- and 4-year-old children in preschool programs.~~

Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.

- 1 ~~WHEREAS, Jacques Stalder Yeager, Sr., was born in 1921, the~~
- 2 ~~eldest of three children, including E. Eugene "Gene" Yeager who~~
- 3 ~~was born in 1924, each in Riverside, California; and~~

1 WHEREAS, Their father, Ernest Louis Yeager (1893-1979)
2 founded E.L. Yeager Construction Company, Inc., in 1919; and
3 WHEREAS, Jacques graduated from Poly High School in
4 Riverside in 1939, and began his studies at the University of
5 California, Berkeley; and
6 WHEREAS, His education was interrupted by his service as a
7 lieutenant in the SeaBees, the Construction Battalions (CBs) of
8 the United States Navy, for which he trained at the University of
9 Notre Dame; and
10 WHEREAS, In 1945, Jacques returned to the University of
11 California, Berkeley, where, in 1947, he earned a Bachelor of
12 Science Degree in Engineering, and he continues to serve on the
13 Steering Committee for the School of Engineering and the Alumni
14 Association of that university; and
15 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Jacques has taken action to
16 further economic development in the Inland Empire, higher
17 education, the arts, culture, and shoring up the infrastructure of
18 Southern California's fastest growing region; and
19 WHEREAS, Jacques returned to Riverside to work for E.L.
20 Yeager Construction Company in 1947, became President in 1956,
21 led that company to become one of the state's largest contractors,
22 completing nearly \$130 million in highway construction projects
23 for Caltrans from 1984 through 1986, and became chairman and
24 chief executive officer of the company in 1993; and
25 WHEREAS, Jacques served on the Riverside County Local
26 Streets and Highways Needs Assessment Steering Committee and
27 the Riverside County Transportation Commission from 1984 to
28 1990, was appointed by Governor Deukmejian as a regent of the
29 University of California from 1988 to 1994, and was appointed
30 by Governor Wilson as a member of the California Economic
31 Strategy Panel from 1994 to 1998; and
32 WHEREAS, After selling the company in 1995, Jacques
33 remained active in serving various charitable and academic
34 institutions, including the United Way of the Inland Valleys, the
35 Board of Trustees of the University of California, Riverside, the
36 Regional Institute of Southern California, the General George
37 Patton Museum, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce
38 Monday Morning Group, the Inland Empire Cultural Foundation,
39 the California Water Resource Administration, the Inland Empire
40 Economic Partnership, the March Air Field Museum Foundation,

1 *the Raincross Club of Riverside, and the Riverside Art Foundation;*
2 *and*

3 *WHEREAS, After graduating from Poly High School in 1942,*
4 *Gene began studying engineering at the University of California,*
5 *Berkeley, enlisted in the Navy in 1943, receiving a fleet*
6 *appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis,*
7 *and returned to the University of California, Berkeley, in 1946,*
8 *where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil*
9 *Engineering in 1948; and*

10 *WHEREAS, Gene then joined the family company, and their*
11 *father turned the business over to Jacques and Gene in 1952*
12 *shortly after which, they began their long-standing relationship*
13 *with the University of California, Riverside, by grading the site*
14 *and laying down its first curbs and sidewalks, into which the*
15 *pioneer student class engraved their names; and*

16 *WHEREAS, Gene has served many charitable and civic*
17 *organizations, including the Riverside County Philharmonic*
18 *Association, the Olive Crest Foundation, the Greater Riverside*
19 *Chambers of Commerce, the United Way of the Inland Valleys,*
20 *the Riverside Art Museum Julia Morgan Society, the Mission Inn*
21 *Foundation, and the California Baptist University; has created*
22 *scholarships at the University of California, Riverside; has*
23 *received the Robert Holstein Public Service and Humanitarian*
24 *Award from the Children's Spine Foundation; and was recognized*
25 *by the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce as Citizen of the*
26 *Year 2009; and*

27 *WHEREAS, In recognition of the Yeager brothers great civic*
28 *and charitable contributions and service, as well as their major*
29 *construction projects improving the transportation and educational*
30 *infrastructure in Southern California, it would be a fitting tribute*
31 *to designate the overpass at State Highway Route 60 and State*
32 *Highway Route 15, in the City of Riverside, as the Yeager Brothers*
33 *Overpass; now, therefore, be it*

34 **RESOLVED, BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF**
35 **CALIFORNIA, THE SENATE THEREOF CONCURRING, That**
36 *the Legislature hereby designates the overpass at State Highway*
37 *Route 60 and State Highway Route 15, in the City of Riverside, as*
38 *the Yeager Brothers Overpass; and be it further*

39 **RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is**
40 *requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent*

1 *with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing*
2 *this special designation and, upon receiving donations from*
3 *nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs;*
4 *and be it further*

5 *RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit*
6 *copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and*
7 *to the author for appropriate distribution.*

8 ~~WHEREAS, Research shows that high-quality preschool greatly~~
9 ~~benefits a child during his or her formative years; and~~

10 ~~WHEREAS, A high-quality preschool helps to build a child's~~
11 ~~social skills and self-confidence, and gives a child the foundation~~
12 ~~of knowledge needed to succeed in kindergarten and beyond; and~~

13 ~~WHEREAS, Studies show that children who have attended~~
14 ~~preschool are more likely to read by the third grade, graduate from~~
15 ~~high school, and pursue higher education, and are less likely to be~~
16 ~~held back, placed in special education, or become involved in~~
17 ~~crime; and~~

18 ~~WHEREAS, A recent study by the RAND Corporation shows~~
19 ~~that for every dollar invested in high-quality preschool, the public~~
20 ~~saves more than double that amount in reduced special education~~
21 ~~needs, crime prevention, and other costs; now, therefore, be it~~

22 ~~*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*~~
23 ~~*thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims the fourth week*~~
24 ~~*of April every year as Universal Preschool Week; and be it further*~~

25 ~~*Resolved, That each house of the Legislature commemorate*~~
26 ~~*Universal Preschool Week with appropriate, meaningful activities*~~
27 ~~*that will educate the people of California about the value of*~~
28 ~~*preschool, and encourage their constituents to enroll their 3- and*~~
29 ~~*4-year-old children in preschool programs; and be it further*~~

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