

Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Relative to the Senator Daniel E. Boatwright Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 4, as introduced, DeSaulnier. Senator Daniel E. Boatwright Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 680 that is between the Benicia Bridge in Contra Costa County and the State Highway Route 24 interchange in the City of Walnut Creek as the Senator Daniel E. Boatwright Highway. 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.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Senator Daniel E. Boatwright was elected to the
2 California State Senate in 1980, and served for 16 years in the 7th
3 Senate District, and before that, he served eight years in the
4 California State Assembly, to which he was first elected in 1972;
5 and
6 WHEREAS, Senator Boatwright was born in Harrison,
7 Arkansas, but moved to Vallejo, California, as a child, where he
8 attended public schools, where his education was interrupted by
9 service in the United States Army as a combat member of the
10 infantry in Korea; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Boatwright attended Vallejo Junior College
2 where he was chairman of the student council and Chairman of
3 the California Community Colleges Student Council Association,
4 and went on to receive both his B.A. degree and his law degree
5 from the University of California at Berkeley; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Boatwright served as deputy district
7 attorney in Contra Costa County, becoming chief trial deputy under
8 then District Attorney John Nejedly before opening his own law
9 firm in Concord in 1970; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Boatwright served as a city council member
11 and Mayor of the City of Concord, Chairman of the Contra Costa
12 County Consolidated Fire Board, and City Attorney for the City
13 of Brentwood prior to his election to the California State Assembly;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Boatwright commenced, in 1972, a
16 distinguished 24-year legislative career where he authored more
17 than 350 laws and held several prominent committee chairmanships
18 in each house, including chairmanships of the Assembly and Senate
19 Revenue and Taxation Committees, the Assembly Ways and Means
20 Committee, and the Senate Appropriations Committee, in which
21 capacities he became legendary for his ability, year after year, to
22 deliver state funding to cities, the county, and special districts for
23 projects in his Contra Costa County-based district; and

24 WHEREAS, From 1982 through 1992, Senator Boatwright
25 worked tirelessly with the California Transportation Commission,
26 the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Finance
27 to secure funding and accelerate the construction and completion
28 of State Highway Route 680 lane additions and the State Highway
29 Route 680 and State Highway Route 24 interchange in Contra
30 Costa County; and

31 WHEREAS, Senator Boatwright is married to Teresa Boatwright
32 and has three sons and a grandson and granddaughter who reside
33 in Contra Costa County; and

34 WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the Legislature in
35 1996, Senator Boatwright served as the Senate's representative in
36 1997 and 1998 to the California Medical Assistance Commission,
37 and has since resumed the practice of law and begun the practice
38 of lobbying; and

39 WHEREAS, The Legislature wishes to recognize Senator Daniel
40 E. Boatwright's extraordinary service to the community,

1 particularly as that service has resulted in the improvement of
2 central Contra Costa County's transportation infrastructure,
3 specifically State Highway Route 680 and the State Highway Route
4 24 interchange; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the portion of State Highway Route 680
7 that is between the Benicia Bridge in Contra Costa County and
8 the State Highway Route 24 interchange in the City of Walnut
9 Creek is hereby designated the Senator Daniel E. Boatwright
10 Highway; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
12 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
13 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the
14 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
15 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of
17 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
18 for distribution.