

House Resolution

No. 36

Introduced by Assembly Member Hill

August 7, 2012

House Resolution No. 36—Relative to the California State Highway System.

1 WHEREAS, August 7, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of
2 the groundbreaking construction of the California State Highway
3 System in the City of San Bruno, in the County of San Mateo, and
4 it is appropriate to commemorate the anniversary of the
5 commencement of the California State Highway System in the
6 County of San Mateo; and

7 WHEREAS, The recognition of a statewide system of roadways
8 can be traced as far back as 1769, with the blazing of a trail that
9 became the King’s Highway, El Camino Real, to facilitate travel
10 between the missions of California; and

11 WHEREAS, On March 27, 1895, the Legislature created the
12 Bureau of Highways, which marked the beginning of a desire to
13 establish a statewide system of navigable roadways; and

14 WHEREAS, The California State Highway System was
15 established as a state highway system by the State Highways Act
16 of 1909, which was ratified by the People of California on
17 November 8, 1910. The California Highway Commission was
18 created to oversee highway construction, maintenance, and control
19 of a state highway system; and

20 WHEREAS, State Highway Project No. 1 was awarded in 1912
21 by the California Highway Commission, and construction began
22 on August 7, 1912, by Commissioner Burton Towne in the County
23 of San Mateo, in front of historic Uncle Tom’s Cabin, on Highway

1 1, on El Camino Real, at the intersection of San Mateo Avenue
2 and El Camino Real in the City of San Bruno; and

3 WHEREAS, Today the route that began as State Highway
4 Project No. 1, through the County of San Mateo, is designated as
5 State Highway Route 82; and

6 WHEREAS, Today the California State Highway System
7 includes 15,181.36 miles of navigable roads, with more than 14
8 billion vehicle miles of travel per month, and connecting centers
9 of population throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
11 Assembly hereby commemorates the 100th anniversary of the
12 groundbreaking, in the County of San Mateo, of the California
13 State Highway System on August 7, 2012; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
15 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.