

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 57

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones

May 1, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57—Relative to the James Craig Schmidt Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 57, as introduced, Jones. James Craig Schmidt Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 94 in the County of San Diego as the James Craig Schmidt Memorial Highway. The measure would 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, James Craig Schmidt was born on September 27,
2 1927, in Peoria, Illinois, and after graduating from high school,
3 enlisted in the United States Navy, and later attended Illinois
4 Wesleyan University, the University of Illinois, and De Paul
5 University Law School, becoming a member of the Illinois State
6 Bar and later the California State Bar; and
7 WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt moved to San Diego in 1958, married
8 Jerrie Bond, and began his career in the savings and loan industry,
9 becoming legal counsel and senior vice president with Home
10 Federal Savings and Loan before later joining San Diego Federal

1 Savings and Loan as executive vice president-managing officer;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt was appointed as Assistant Secretary
4 for Business and Transportation under Governor Reagan in 1967,
5 and was later appointed to the California Toll Bridge Authority
6 and the State Transportation Board; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt was involved in local transportation
8 issues for many years in the County of San Diego, was instrumental
9 in the removal of tolls from the San Diego-Coronado Bridge, and
10 was a long-time board member of the San Diego Highway
11 Development Association and the first recipient of its lifetime
12 achievement award in 2011; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt has a distinguished record of
14 community service, as a member of many organizations and the
15 recipient of numerous awards, including the designation by the
16 City of San Diego of a James C. Schmidt Day in 2000 for his
17 service and dedication to the city; and

18 WHEREAS, As an avid sports fan, Mr. Schmidt attended every
19 game of the San Diego Chargers from the date of their first game
20 in San Diego in 1961, and helped launch the first Holiday Bowl
21 in San Diego in 1978 and served as President of the 1986 Holiday
22 Bowl and Chairman of the 1987 Holiday Bowl; and

23 WHEREAS, As a guest commentator for the Daily Transcript,
24 Mr. Schmidt wrote regular articles on a wide variety of topics,
25 including sports, transportation, housing, real estate, desalinization,
26 and grand jury reports, helping to educate readers and document
27 local history; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt was well known and respected in the
29 business and civic communities, and will be remembered for his
30 friendliness and for never forgetting a face or name; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt is survived by his wife Jerrie, of 54
32 years, and three daughters, Sandy, Julie, and Suzanne, two
33 grandchildren, Michelle and Spencer, and a sister, Marilee; and

34 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to honor Mr. Schmidt by
35 designating a portion of State Highway Route 94 in his memory;
36 now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
38 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
39 portion of State Highway Route 94 between Bancroft Drive and

1 Avocado Boulevard in the County of San Diego as the James Craig
2 Schmidt Memorial Highway; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
4 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
5 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
6 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
7 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
8 further

9 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
10 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
11 author for appropriate distribution.

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