

**Introduced by Senator Anderson**

February 21, 2014

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 87—Relative to the Luiseño Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 87, as introduced, Anderson. The Luiseño Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 76 southeast of Lake Henshaw as the Luiseño 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 the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Archeological records show that ancestors of the
- 2 Luiseño Indians were among the original inhabitants of San Diego
- 3 County living along the Pacific coast and inland in north San Diego
- 4 County for 10,000 years; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The Luiseño called themselves Payómkawichum,
- 6 also spelled Payómkowishum, meaning “People of the West;” and
- 7 WHEREAS, In what is now San Diego County, the territory of
- 8 the Payómkawichum ran west to east across a wide swath of the
- 9 northern portions of the county. Clans built villages and traveled
- 10 from the Pacific Ocean, near the present-day Cities of Oceanside,
- 11 Carlsbad, and La Jolla, to the east, where the Cities of San Marcos,
- 12 Vista, and Fallbrook, and the communities of Rainbow, Bonsall,
- 13 Valley Center, and Pauma Valley now exist, to Palomar Mountain
- 14 and the Buena Vista Mountains of the Peninsular Range; and

1 WHEREAS, The Mission San Luis Rey de Francia, named after  
2 King Luis of Spain, was founded on June 13, 1798, by Father  
3 Fermin Francisco de Lasuèn, on the San Luis Rey River in the  
4 current City of Oceanside; and

5 WHEREAS, The Payómkawichum became known as the  
6 Luiseño Indians due to the location of their villages, which came  
7 under Spanish occupation within the jurisdiction of the Mission  
8 San Luis Rey de Francia; and

9 WHEREAS, At the time of contact with the Spanish, more than  
10 43 Luiseño villages were concentrated along the 55-mile stretch  
11 of the San Luis Rey River, from its mouth at Mount Palomar and  
12 the Hot Springs Mountains to where the river discharges into the  
13 Pacific Ocean; and

14 WHEREAS, The Luiseño Indians built trails along the San Luis  
15 Rey River, connecting their villages to visit relatives, exchange  
16 goods and food, share ceremonies, and perform rituals; and

17 WHEREAS, As the most direct route from the mountains to the  
18 coast, the Luiseño trails along the river also served as seasonal  
19 migratory routes for the native people, and accommodated Spanish  
20 missionary and militia travel among mission outposts, farmlands,  
21 and tribal villages; and

22 WHEREAS, Construction on the road following the San Luis  
23 Rey River and the Luiseño trails began in 1930, although the  
24 paving initially ended at the Pala Indian Reservation; and

25 WHEREAS, The original road was named legislative Route 195  
26 in 1935. Then in 1965, the state highways were renumbered and  
27 legislative Route 195 was legally designated as State Highway  
28 Route 76, extending from United States Route 101 to State  
29 Highway Route 79; and

30 WHEREAS, Today, there are four Luiseño Indian reservations  
31 located on, or connected to, State Highway Route 76. They are the  
32 La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians, the Pala Band of Mission  
33 Indians, the Pauma Band of Mission Indians, and the Rincon Band  
34 of Luiseño Indians; and

35 WHEREAS, The original trails constructed by the Luiseño  
36 Indians, living and traveling along the San Luis Rey River, also  
37 served as the corridor of travel for the Spanish explorers,  
38 missionaries, and militia, Mexican Nationals, American military  
39 forces, and European immigrants; and

1 WHEREAS, These trails predated the modern road ultimately  
2 designated by the State of California as State Highway Route 76;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
5 *thereof concurring*, That, the Legislature hereby designates the  
6 portion of State Highway Route 76 running west to east from  
7 Interstate Highway 15 to State Highway Route 79, southeast of  
8 Lake Henshaw, as the Luiseño Highway; and be it further

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

15 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
16 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
17 for appropriate distribution.

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