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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 87

Introduced by Senator Anderson

February 21, 2014

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 87, as amended, 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,~~

1 Valley Center, and Pauma Valley now exist, to Palomar Mountain
2 and the Buena Vista Mountains of the Peninsular Range; and

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Construction on the road following the San Luis
25 Rey River and the Luiseño trails, *in the County of San Diego*,
26 began in 1930, although the paving initially ended at the Pala
27 Indian Reservation; and

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

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

38 WHEREAS, The original trails constructed by the Luiseño
39 Indians, *living and traveling who lived and traveled* along the San
40 Luis Rey River, also served as the corridor of travel for the Spanish

1 explorers, missionaries, ~~and~~ militia, Mexican Nationals, American
2 military forces, and European immigrants; and

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

6 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
7 *thereof concurring*, That, the Legislature hereby designates the
8 portion of State Highway Route 76 running west to east from
9 Interstate Highway 15 to State Highway Route 79, southeast of
10 Lake Henshaw, as the Luiseño 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 this
14 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
15 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
16 further

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