

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 90

Introduced by Assembly Member Ducheny

August 31, 1999

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 90—Relative to the Archie Moore Memorial Freeway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 90, as introduced, Ducheny. Archie Moore Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate the portion of Interstate Highway Route 15 between the Home Avenue exit and the Ocean View Boulevard exit in the City of San Diego as the Archie Moore Memorial Freeway.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, It was with the most profound sorrow and
2 deep sense of loss that the word was received of the
3 passing, at the age of 84, of Archie Moore, the legendary
4 boxer whose outstanding career endured through four
5 decades and a record 143 knockouts and who won the
6 light-heavyweight championship when he was well into
7 his 30's; and

8 WHEREAS, Mystery always surrounded Archie Moore,
9 who claimed to have been born on December 13, 1916, in
10 Collinsville, Illinois, while his mother and at least one
11 boxing record book fixed his birth date as December 13,
12 1913, in Benoit, Mississippi; and



1 WHEREAS, Archie Moore passed away on December
2 9, 1998; and

3 WHEREAS, He was born Archibald Lee Wright and,
4 after his parents separated, was raised by an uncle and
5 aunt in St. Louis Missouri, whose surname he took; and

6 WHEREAS, Archie Moore had his first fight as a
7 lightweight in January 1936, which he won by a knockout
8 in two rounds; and

9 WHEREAS, Archie Moore continued to fight through
10 the 1940's, 1950's, and 1960's, finishing with a record of
11 196-26-8 and one no-contest; and

12 WHEREAS, "Childe Arch" was nearly 39 years old
13 when he was granted a title shot, and in this bout, he won
14 the light heavyweight championship and went on to
15 defend his title nine times; and

16 WHEREAS, After his final bout, he moved in and out
17 of boxing as a trainer and served as a trainer at the 1976
18 Olympics in Montreal, and, three years later, was elected
19 to the Boxing Hall of Fame; and

20 WHEREAS, He served in the Department of Housing
21 and Urban Development during the Reagan
22 administration, lecturing in prisons and in boys clubs; and

23 WHEREAS, Archie Moore also appeared in several
24 motion pictures, including the 1960 film version of "The
25 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," in which he portrayed
26 Jim, a runaway slave; and

27 WHEREAS, He lived in a home on E Street that he
28 termed "Easy Street" in San Diego on the site where, in
29 1946, he operated a restaurant known as Archie Moore's
30 Chicken Shack, and, after retiring in 1965, he instituted
31 his "Any Boy Can" program, a mentoring program for
32 at-risk youth that taught them how to box, and about
33 competition, sportsmanship, self-reliance, self-discipline,
34 confidence, and courage; and

35 WHEREAS, He was renowned by state and local
36 leaders as the ultimate role model, a great fighter, great
37 teacher, and great friend, a hero who treated people with
38 a courtesy that said they were the stars, not him, and as
39 an ambassador for his sport throughout the world; and



1 WHEREAS, The high esteem in which he was held by
2 his loving family, his numerous friends, and other
3 individuals fortunate enough to have known him stands
4 as a testament for others who strive for the best in
5 personal, professional, public, and community life; and

6 WHEREAS, His memory will live forever in the hearts
7 and minds of those people who knew him; and

8 WHEREAS, Archie Moore leaves to cherish his
9 memory, his wife, Joan; his three daughters, Rena Moore,
10 J'Marie Moore, and Elizabeth Moore-Stump; his four sons,
11 Archie Jr., Billy, Anthony, and D'Angelo; and his two
12 grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the portion of
14 Interstate Highway Route 15 between the Home Avenue
15 exit and the Ocean View Boulevard exit in the City of San
16 Diego be dedicated to the memory of Archie Moore; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
19 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the portion of Interstate
20 Highway Route 15 between the Home Avenue exit and
21 the Ocean View Boulevard exit be designated the
22 "Archie Moore Memorial Freeway"; and be it further

23 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is
24 requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques
25 and markers, consistent with the signing requirements
26 for the state highway system, showing that special
27 designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
28 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques
29 and markers; and be it further

30 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
31 transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of
32 Transportation and to the author for appropriate
33 distribution.

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