

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 106

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

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Deputy Secretary of State



RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 106—Relative to the Senator David G. Kelley Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 106, Battin. Senator David G. Kelley Highway.

This measure would, on and after the date on which David G. Kelley ceases his service in the Legislature, designate the portion of State Highway Route 86 that is between 82nd Avenue and 66th Avenue in the County of Riverside as the Senator David G. Kelley Highway.

The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost and upon the designation of that highway, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, Senator David G. Kelley, a Republican, was elected to the California State Senate in 1992, and is currently in the last two years of his second term of office representing the 37th Senate District, and before that, he served for 14 years in the California State Assembly, to which he was first elected in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kelley was born and raised in Riverside County, attended local schools, graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, majoring in citrus fruit production, and interrupted his education with service as a pilot in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kelley has been a successful citrus rancher for over 45 years in the Hemet area, where he first became concerned with the increasingly complicated relationship between government and the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kelley has been active in the Riverside County Farm Bureau since 1955, where he served as both president and vice president for a total of



eight years, and also served on the board of directors of the California Farm Bureau Federation; and

WHEREAS, Concern for the effects of property taxes on agriculture led Senator Kelley to become active in the establishment of an agricultural preserve program in Riverside County and to sign the first prime agricultural land preserve contract in the state in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kelley was appointed by then Governor Ronald Reagan to a committee to advise the Legislature on development of a policy on open-space lands; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, the Peace Corps approached Senator Kelley to help instruct trainees for service projects in southern India, and during 1970 and 1971, he supervised replacement trainees on location in India; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kelley, who has always been active in community affairs, served as director of the Hemet-San Jacinto Basin Resource Conservation District for 10 years, served as president of the Century Club of Riverside County, and is a member of the Hemet-San Jacinto Noon Exchange Club, the Lincoln Club of Coachella Valley, and the Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kelley currently serves on the following committees in the Senate: Agriculture and Water Resources, Vice Chairman; Appropriations; Business and Professions; Constitutional Amendments; Energy, Utilities and Communications; Transportation; and the Senate Select Committee on Southern California Water Districts Expenditures and Governance, of which he is the Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kelley and his wife, Brigitte, are the parents of four grown children, have 10 grandchildren, and are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hemet; and

WHEREAS, On October 26, 1977, a schoolbus of the Coachella Valley Unified School District was involved in a multiple truck accident on State Highway Route 86 in which four persons were burned to death and the lives of 52 schoolchildren in grades Kindergarten to 4th were endangered; and



WHEREAS, On April 23, 1980, a schoolbus of the Coachella Valley Unified School District collided with a truck on Route 86, resulting in the death of three high school pupils and the bus driver; and

WHEREAS, Since he was first elected to the Legislature in 1978, Senator Kelley has been tireless in his ongoing commitment to improving the dangerous portion of Route 86 on which many fatal accidents have occurred, commonly known as “Killer Highway,” by submitting numerous requests for the funding of improvements and negotiating with the Department of Transportation, the Riverside County Transportation Commission, the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, community leaders, and state and county officials to improve the safety of this portion of the highway; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature wishes to recognize Senator David G. Kelley’s extraordinary service to the community, particularly as that service has resulted in improvement of this especially dangerous portion of Route 86; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That, on and after the date on which David G. Kelley ceases his service in the Legislature, the portion of State Highway Route 86 that is between 82nd Avenue and 66th Avenue in the County of Riverside shall be designated the Senator David G. Kelley Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost and upon the designation of the David G. Kelley Highway, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.



Attest:

Secretary of State

