

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 139

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 120

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 139—Relative to the John C. Begovich Memorial Highway.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 139, Oller. John C. Begovich Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 49, as prescribed, as the John C. Begovich Memorial Highway. The measure request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing this designation and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources, to erect those plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, John C. Begovich was born on January 17, 1916, in Jackson Gate, California; the son of immigrant parents from Trebinje, Yugoslavia; and

WHEREAS, John Begovich graduated from Sutter Creek High School and attended Sacramento Junior College and was a champion athlete at both institutions; and

WHEREAS, In January, 1942, he answered the call to duty of his country and enlisted in the United States Army where he rose to the rank of second lieutenant and earned 13 decorations, including the silver star, the bronze star, and three purple hearts; and

WHEREAS, After his honorable discharge from the Army in 1945, John Begovich returned to Amador County and was selected to be the county Veterans Service Officer and County Civil Defense Director; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, he married the former Lorraine Love, and in 1950, the couple became the proud parents of their son, John C. Begovich, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, John Begovich continued his career of public service when, in 1955, he was appointed judge in the Amador County Judicial District while retaining his position as Veterans Service Officer; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, John Begovich was elected as Senator from the 9th Senatorial District serving Amador and El Dorado Counties; and

WHEREAS, He was an active and productive legislator working on numerous issues important to his constituents and the state, including the bistate park system within the Tahoe Basin, highway improvements, the creation of a second department of the Superior Court for El Dorado County, and a \$250,000,000 veterans bill; and

WHEREAS, After serving as Senator, in 1966, John Begovich was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson as one of four United States Federal Marshals in the State of California, serving in that capacity until 1970; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, John Begovich was elected Supervisor of District 1, Amador County, where he made care of the elderly residents of the county one of his primary concerns; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to Amador County and its citizens was rewarded by his reelection as supervisor in 1980, 1984, 1988, and 1992; and

WHEREAS, John C. Begovich died on November 2, 1999, after faithfully serving the citizens of Amador County, the State of California, and the United States of America, and it is therefore appropriate that State Highway Route 49, from the southern city limit of the City of Jackson to the intersection of State Highway Route 88, be dedicated to this tireless public servant; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby dedicates State Highway Route 49, from the southern city limit of the City of Jackson to the intersection of State Highway Route 88, in the memory of John C. Begovich, who served the people of Amador County so well; and be it further

*Resolved,* That State Highway Route 49, from the southern city limit of the City of Jackson to the intersection of State Highway Route 88, be officially designated as the “John C. Begovich Memorial 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 this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

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

