

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 154

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 168

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 154—Relative to the E. L. Yeager Interchange.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 154, Jeffries. E. L. Yeager Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange at State Highway Route 60 and State Highway Route 15, in the County of Riverside, as the E. L. Yeager Interchange. This 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 those costs, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, The Yeager family has been committed to great civic service and charitable contributions in their community, and has been involved in major construction projects that have improved transportation throughout southern California; and

WHEREAS, In 1918 Ernest Louis Yeager (1893–1979) moved to Riverside, California from his home in Tomah, Wisconsin and founded the E. L. Yeager Construction Company, Inc., in 1919; and

WHEREAS, One year later Ernest married Emma Leah Stalder and raised their three sons; and

WHEREAS, The company began by building parking lots and city streets in San Bernardino and, during the following decades, the company became one of the state's largest civil engineering firms and constructed a stretch of Historic Route 66, the road system around the Hoover Dam, major portions of Interstate 15, and multiple interchanges on State Highway Route 91; and

WHEREAS, After completing his service with the United States Marine Corps, Richard Allen Yeager, one of Ernest and Emma's sons, joined his family as a part of the company; and

WHEREAS, Over the next several decades, E. L. Yeager Construction Company expanded to be one of the top contractors in the state; and

WHEREAS, Ernest passed away in 1979 and, later that year, after working for the company and being involved in a variety of civic roles, including the Republican Central Committee, Richard and his wife were killed in a car accident; and

WHEREAS, Following the 1994 Northridge earthquake, the company was given the contract to replace the twin 765 foot bridges of Interstate 5 near Santa Clarita with only 130 days to complete the project that would

normally take more than a year, and yet the company finished the project in only 100 days; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Emma Yeager passed away and is survived by her two sons; and

WHEREAS, Beyond construction and development, the Yeager family has been dedicated to the Inland Empire community; and

WHEREAS, The Yeager family has developed strong relationships with the University of California, Riverside, through gifts, service, and partnerships from the university's founding, and in 1957 the Yeager Company donated the concrete that became the "C" that now marks the University of California, Riverside, above the skyline on Box Spring Mountain; and

WHEREAS, The Yeager family has served the community through many charitable and civic organizations including United Way of the Inland Valleys, the Board of Trustees of the University of California, Riverside, the Regional Institute of Southern California, the General George Patton Museum, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Monday Morning Group, the Inland Empire Cultural Foundation, the California Water Resource Administration, the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, the March Air Field Museum Foundation, the Raincross Club of Riverside, the Riverside Art Foundation, the Riverside County Philharmonic Association, the Olive Crest Foundation, the Riverside Art Museum Julia Morgan Society, the Mission Inn Foundation, and the California Baptist University; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Yeager family's great civic and charitable contributions and service, as well as their major construction projects improving the transportation and educational infrastructure in southern California, it would be a fitting tribute to designate the interchange at State Highway Route 60 and State Highway Route 15, in the County of Riverside, as the E. L. Yeager Interchange; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the interchange at State Highway Route 60 and State Highway Route 15, in the County of Riverside, as the E. L. Yeager Interchange; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; 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.