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SCR-46 Thomas J. Cosgrove Memorial Highway. (2017-2018)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46

CHAPTER 108

Relative to the Thomas J. Cosgrove Memorial Highway.

[Filed with Secretary of State July 18, 2017.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 46, Gaines. Thomas J. Cosgrove Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of the State Highway Route 65 Lincoln Highway in the County of Placer as the Thomas J. Cosgrove Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, Thomas Joseph Cosgrove was born on November 3, 1948, and moved to the City of Lincoln in the County of Placer in 1987, and ever since that time he remained dedicated to making Lincoln a better place to live by serving as a volunteer firefighter for many years prior to the city adopting a full-time fire department and by serving on the city council and other local organizations; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cosgrove was first elected to the City Council of the City of Lincoln in 1994, at which time the city had a population of 8,304 people and one traffic light at the intersection of State Highway Route 193 and State Highway Route 65. He served 18 years as a city council member and served as Mayor of the City of Lincoln in 1997, 2001, 2005, and 2010; and

WHEREAS, In his 18 years as a city council member, Tom Cosgrove was admired by his coworkers and the development community for his intelligence, professional competency, positive attitude, willingness to help others, and sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cosgrove played an instrumental role in the construction of the State Highway Route 65 Lincoln Highway, a \$325,000,000 project in a rural county that was nearly impossible to build without support and a political champion, and in the case of this highway, that champion was Tom Cosgrove; and

WHEREAS, Dating back to 1998, when the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency Board was prioritizing what would be the next big project to take on, Tom Cosgrove got the City Council of the City of Lincoln to pledge \$1,000,000 as matching money to get the project to the top of the list and, ultimately, that promise was primarily fulfilled with a creative "in kind" contribution of fill material for the Lincoln Boulevard Interchange from the wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, When it came to moving the State Highway Route 65 Lincoln Highway forward, Tom Cosgrove was always at the ready and attended virtually any meeting to further the progress of the project, whether it be technical meetings with rooms full of

engineers, regulatory meetings with environmental specialists, meetings with potential funders like the California Transportation Commission, or meetings with the public to get input on the project. Whatever the need, Tom Cosgrove was always there; and WHEREAS, Tom Cosgrove was also the face of the State Highway Route 65 Lincoln Highway with the community because of all the meetings he attended, and Tom Cosgrove had all the latest information to share, whether it be at a city council meeting, a chamber of commerce get-together, or when running into citizens on the street. These exceptional efforts culminated in the opening of the State Highway Route 65 Lincoln Highway on October 8, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cosgrove was also a regional leader, as exemplified by his service on the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Board of Directors from 2000 to 2012, including a term as chair in 2008. In his role with SACOG, Tom Cosgrove championed the blueprint approach to combining transportation, land use, and air quality considerations into cohesive long-term plans and spoke to groups across the nation on the blueprint approach, providing the perspective of a publicly elected official on the benefits to communities both large and small; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cosgrove also spearheaded the effort to modernize the SACOG Board of Directors' composition to include every jurisdiction, no matter how large or small, at the table. The expansion to a 31-member board of directors continues to ensure that every city and county has a say in the regional issues that SACOG addresses; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cosgrove also served as the President of the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce from January 2016 until his untimely death on February 8, 2017, at 68 years of age; and

WHEREAS, For all these reasons, Tom Cosgrove will long be remembered by the Lincoln community for his hard work and dedication to making the State Highway Route 65 Lincoln Highway a reality; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cosgrove is survived by his wife, Karen, as well as by his daughters Erin (Chris) Gearin and Alison Cosgrove, and his sons Ryan and Darrell Cosgrove; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of the State Highway Route 65 Lincoln Highway in the County of Placer from Lincoln Boulevard (postmile R12.87) to Nelson Lane (postmile R15.55) as the Thomas J. Cosgrove Memorial Highway; 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 that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

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