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ACR-101 James Dean Memorial Highway. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

NO. 101

Introduced by Assembly Member Addis

June 24, 2025

Relative to the James Dean Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 101, as introduced, Addis. James Dean Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 46, as described, in the County of San Luis Obispo as the James Dean Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, James Byron Dean, one of the most admired movie stars of all time and an icon of American culture, was born on February 8, 1931, in Marion, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, He later moved to California and attended Santa Monica City College and the University of California, Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, He is best known for his roles in “East of Eden,” “Rebel Without a Cause,” and “Giant,” and he also appeared on television shows and in a Broadway play; and

WHEREAS, As a successful actor, he attained cult status in little more than a year’s time, personifying the restless American youth of the mid-1950s; and

WHEREAS, He was tragically killed on September 30, 1955, in an automobile crash on State Highway Route 46 in the County of San Luis Obispo while traveling in his automobile on the way to a racing event; and

WHEREAS, Many decades after his death, James Dean remains widely admired as an accomplished actor, and it is appropriate to recognize his contributions through a designation of a memorial highway near the site of his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature, through the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution 52 (Resolution Chapter 107 of the Statutes of 2002), designated the junction of State Highway Route 41 and State Highway Route 46 near Cholame in the County of San Luis Obispo as the James Dean Memorial Junction; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the designation in honor of James Dean made by Senate Concurrent Resolution 52 (Resolution Chapter 107 of the Statutes of 2002) designating the junction of State Highway Route 41 and State Highway Route 46 near Cholame in the County of San Luis Obispo as the James Dean Memorial Junction is hereby rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 46 in the County of San Luis Obispo, from Cholame, at postmile 54.038, to Antelope Road, at postmile 58.300, as the James Dean Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is hereby 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 covering this cost, to erect those plaques and markers; 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 of this resolution for distribution.