

Date of Hearing: April 25, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Laura Friedman, Chair
ACR 142 (Patterson) – As Introduced February 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Dr. Fareed Wade Nader Memorial Interchange

SUMMARY: Designates the interchange of State Highway Route 168 at Fowler Avenue, postmile R8.042, in the City of Clovis as the Dr. Fareed Wade Nader Memorial Interchange.

EXISTING LAW: Assigns the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways. This includes the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the measure requests that Caltrans determine the cost of appropriate signage consistent with requirements for the state highway system, and only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: Dr. Fareed Wade Nader was born September 27, 1938, in the City of Miami, Arizona, to Wade and Helen Nader, who immigrated to the United States from Lebanon. Dr. Nader became an accomplished scholar, earning a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arizona in 1961, a master's degree from Arizona State University in 1963, and a PhD in Surveying and Mapping from Purdue University in 1973.

Dr. Nader worked for the Federal Aviation Administration before beginning a 35-year teaching career, where he taught surveying and photogrammetry at the University of Hawaii for 5 years before securing a position at California State University, Fresno (CSUF), where he taught geomatics engineering for 30 years.

Dr. Nader's passion for teaching and geomatics was evidenced by his numerous achievements, including being the second chairman of the CSUF Department of Geomatics and organizing and overseeing the 1984 International Surveying Teachers' Conference held at CSUF. He was the recipient of numerous teaching awards, including the Instructor of the Year Award in Surveying in 1991, the Dean's Leadership Award for Outstanding Service to the School of Engineering and Computer Science in 1998, and the California Land Surveyors' Association Honorary Land Surveyor's License No. 2, and was voted Professor Emeritus for Geomatics Engineering in 2008.

Dr. Nader was a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, the American Society for Engineering Education, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the California Land Surveyors Association, the Geospatial Information and Technology Association, and the World Future Society.

He was a member of the Advisory Council for the School of Engineering and Computer Science at Purdue University, as well as a member of several honorary engineering societies, including Tau Beta Pi, Chi Epsilon, and Lambda Sigma.

Dr. Nader's design for the end of State Highway Route 168 in the City of Clovis will forever be a lasting gift to the northeast Clovis community. His simple, efficient, and cost-effective engineering design kept the community intact by enabling all of its residents to keep their homes

and still gain easy access to State Highway Route 168. The Department of Transportation embraced his design as a welcome modification to one of its existing 30-year plans.

Outside of his professional life, Dr. Nader loved his family and his community. Dr. Nader and his wife Rosemarie were members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in the City of Clovis, where Dr. Nader also served as a lecturer. They enjoyed ballroom dancing and belonged to the Assembly Dance Club and the Los Amigos Dance Club, as well as providing music and taking pictures for weddings and other special events.

Dr. Nader was known for his brilliant mind, kind and gentle manners, patience, quick wit, warm and ready smile, and dry sense of humor. Dr. Nader is survived by his wife of 37 years, Rosemarie Bezerra-Nader, his sister, Dr. Leila Johnson, his brother-in-law, John Cotton, numerous nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends. Dr. Nader will be missed by all who knew him;

According to the author, “Dr. Fareed Wade Nader dedicated his life to engineering, to teaching, and to his community. He sought simple, yet cost-effective measures which can be demonstrated by his design of the Route 168 Interchange in the City of Clovis. ACR 142 will honor the lasting impact that Dr. Nader had on his community.”

Committee Comments: It is the intent of the Assembly Transportation Committee to use the Memorial Highway Naming process to honor deceased Californians who have made significant public service contributions and also to reflect the diversity of our state. Currently, most named highways in California are for fallen male public safety officers, who made the ultimate sacrifice, and for whom we are indebted. However, these names do not fully represent the wide range of types of public service contributions, as well as the gender and racial diversity of California’s communities. The Assembly Transportation Committee is committed to working with the Department of Transportation in the upcoming year to improve the naming process to ensure greater equity and to better represent the diversity of California.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file.

Opposition

None on file.

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