

Date of Hearing: June 26, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 88 (Cunningham) – As Introduced May 4, 2017

SUBJECT: Charles I. Walter Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of State Route (SR) 1 in San Luis Obispo County the "Charles I. Walter Memorial Highway." Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Mr. Charles I. Walter, a design professional who played a significant role in the construction of over 200 miles of freeway and expressway in California, most particularly, portions of SR 1 in San Luis Obispo County.
- 2) Designates a portion of SR 1, between Kansas Avenue and Canet Road, in San Luis Obispo County the "Charles I. Walter Memorial Highway."
- 3) Requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

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

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the resolution requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: Charles I. Walter was the son of a Swiss immigrant who settled in San Luis Obispo County. Mr. Walter and his brother, Elmer Walter, later started the Walter Brothers Construction Company that specialized in heavy equipment operation and road construction. In addition to his work associated with constructing portions of the freeway and expressway system, Mr. Walter was involved in the San Luis Obispo County Historical Society as well as the Special Olympics. The highway designation honors Mr. Walter for his over 45-year involvement with the physical environment of the San Luis Obispo County, as well as with its documentation and the celebration of its history.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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