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Committee Policy on: RESOLUTIONS NAMING OR UNNAMING HIGHWAYS OR STRUCTURES

Resolutions proposing to name or designate, or to unname or undesignate state highways or highway structures should meet the following criteria:

- 1) The person being honored must have provided extraordinary public service or some exemplary contribution to the public good and have a connection to the community where the highway is located.
- 2) The person being honored must be deceased.
- 3) The naming or removal of a name must be done without cost to the state. Costs to install or remove signs and plaques must be paid by local or private sources.
- 4) The author or co-author of the measure must represent the district in which the facility is located, and the measure must identify the specific highway segment or structure being named.
- 5) A segment of highway being named for a specific individual or individuals must not exceed five miles in length.
- 6) The proposed designation must reflect a community consensus and be without local opposition.
- 7) The proposed designation may not supersede an existing designation unless the sponsor can document that a good-faith effort has uncovered no opposition to rescinding the prior designation.
- 8) The author's office has contacted the Caltrans Legislative Affairs office at (916) 654-2397 to ensure that the highway segment and/or structure meet Caltrans' requirements.

Discussion: Each legislative session members of the Senate and Assembly introduce resolutions proposing to name state highway segments or structures in honor of an individual, group or historical event. The Committee has established naming guidelines to help mitigate questions or controversy in advance of legislative consideration of naming resolutions. It also serves the Committee's efficient consideration of such proposals and promotes fairness in determining whether a particular facility or segment is to be specially designated.

The Assembly Transportation Committee encourages the introduction of resolutions that are sensitive to and promote racial and gender equity.