

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 90

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 141

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 90—Relative to the Archie Moore Memorial Freeway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 90, Ducheny. Archie Moore Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate the portion of Interstate Highway Route 15 between the Home Avenue exit and the Ocean View Boulevard exit in the City of San Diego as the Archie Moore Memorial Freeway.

WHEREAS, It was with the most profound sorrow and deep sense of loss that the word was received of the passing, at the age of 84, of Archie Moore, the legendary boxer whose outstanding career endured through four decades and a record 143 knockouts and who won the light-heavyweight championship when he was well into his 30's; and

WHEREAS, Mystery always surrounded Archie Moore, who claimed to have been born on December 13, 1916, in Collinsville, Illinois, while his mother and at least one boxing record book fixed his birth date as December 13, 1913, in Benoit, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Archie Moore passed away on December 9, 1998; and

WHEREAS, He was born Archibald Lee Wright and, after his parents separated, was raised by an uncle and aunt in St. Louis Missouri, whose surname he took; and

WHEREAS, Archie Moore had his first fight as a lightweight in January 1936, which he won by a knockout in two rounds; and

WHEREAS, Archie Moore continued to fight through the 1940's, 1950's, and 1960's, finishing with a record of 196-26-8 and one no-contest; and

WHEREAS, "Childe Arch" was nearly 39 years old when he was granted a title shot, and in this bout, he won the light heavyweight championship and went on to defend his title nine times; and

WHEREAS, After his final bout, he moved in and out of boxing as a trainer and served as a trainer at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, and, three years later, was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, He served in the Department of Housing and Urban Development during the Reagan administration, lecturing in prisons and in boys clubs; and

WHEREAS, Archie Moore also appeared in several motion pictures, including the 1960 film version of “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” in which he portrayed Jim, a runaway slave; and

WHEREAS, He lived in a home on E Street that he termed “Easy Street” in San Diego on the site where, in 1946, he operated a restaurant known as Archie Moore’s Chicken Shack, and, after retiring in 1965, he instituted his “Any Boy Can” program, a mentoring program for at-risk youth that taught them how to box, and about competition, sportsmanship, self-reliance, self-discipline, confidence, and courage; and

WHEREAS, He was renowned by state and local leaders as the ultimate role model, a great fighter, great teacher, and great friend, a hero who treated people with a courtesy that said they were the stars, not him, and as an ambassador for his sport throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The high esteem in which he was held by his loving family, his numerous friends, and other individuals fortunate enough to have known him stands as a testament for others who strive for the best in personal, professional, public, and community life; and

WHEREAS, His memory will live forever in the hearts and minds of those people who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Archie Moore leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Joan; his three daughters, Rena Moore, J’Marie Moore, and Elizabeth Moore-Stump; his four sons, Archie Jr., Billy, Anthony, and D’Angelo; and his two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the portion of Interstate Highway Route 15 between the Home Avenue exit and the Ocean View Boulevard exit in the City of San Diego be dedicated to the memory of Archie Moore; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the portion of Interstate Highway Route 15 between the Home Avenue exit and the Ocean View Boulevard exit be designated the “Archie Moore Memorial Freeway”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.

