


County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisorial District One
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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Resolution of support for the State of California's effort to name the Highway 152/156 Flyover after Joseph Anthony Zanger, Sr.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution of the Board of Supervisors supporting the State of California's effort to name the Highway 152/156 Flyover after Joseph Anthony Zanger, Sr. (Roll Call Vote)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

State Sen. Jeff Denham is pursuing an effort to name the recently completed Highway 152/156 Flyover after Joseph Anthony Zanger, Sr., who spent many years living and working on Pacheco Pass. In order to facilitate his effort, Sen. Denham has asked for resolutions of support from local government, and the San Benito County Board of Supervisors passed theirs on May 5.

After receiving these resolutions, Sen. Denham's bill would follow the normal legislative procedure, after which a resolution would be drawn up, officially naming the flyover. Funding for signs would come from private donors, and would not cost the state or the county any money. Sen. Denham's office has already contacted the state Department of Transportation and received no opposition from that office.

Joseph Anthony Zanger, Sr. had a life closely tied to southern Santa Clara County, from running his family's orchard to advocating for safety improvements on the dangerous two-lane highway.

After college, Mr. Zanger moved to Pacheco Pass to help manage his family's orchard operations, and there he helped grow his family's modest cherry stand, Casa de Fruta, into a large roadside stop that includes a restaurant, RV park, lodge, wine tasting, gift shop, barnyard zoo, service station, candy store and dried fruit mailing business.

The family business is located on busy – and dangerous – Highway 152, and Joseph pursued safety improvements for the road that connects two major arterial highways and which is an important thoroughfare for the movement and delivery of goods to and from the San Francisco Bay area.

Mr. Zanger's impact was not limited to safety improvements for the highway. He also served farmers and ranchers, developing a marketing strategy for the California Prune Bargaining Association, which he helped to found when he was only 19 years old. He represented Santa Clara and San Benito counties on the California/Federal Prune Administrative Committee and on the California Prune Advisory Committee. He also served as director of the Santa Clara Valley Winegrowers Association.

Because of his advocacy on behalf of safety improvements to the road, and his long history in the area, Sen. Denham is moving ahead with the plan to name the new flyover after Mr. Zanger.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution