

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1472

To designate a portion of Interstate Route 710 located between post mile 5.2 and post mile 6.2 in Los Angeles County, California, as the “Jenny Oropeza Highway”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON (for herself, Mr. BACA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. CHU, and Mr. BECERRA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Jenny Oropeza was born on September 27,
6 1957, in Montebello, California, and passed away on
7 October 20, 2010, after 22 years of public service.

1 (2) Jenny Oropeza’s career in public service
2 began early with her election to the first of two suc-
3 cessful terms as president of the student body of
4 California State University, Long Beach.

5 (3) Jenny Oropeza was a pioneer and trail-
6 blazer as evidenced by her subsequent election in
7 1994 to the Long Beach City Council, becoming the
8 first Latina member of that Council.

9 (4) While a member of the Long Beach City
10 Council, Jenny Oropeza revitalized Long Beach’s
11 historic downtown and strengthened Long Beach’s
12 tourism and trade industries.

13 (5) In 2000, Jenny Oropeza was elected to the
14 California State Assembly, where she chaired the
15 powerful Budget Committee and fought to prevent
16 the Governor from balancing the budget on the
17 backs of the poor, schools, the environment, and
18 public employees.

19 (6) As Chair of the Committee on Transpor-
20 tation of the California State Assembly, Jenny
21 Oropeza, who had served 5 years on the Board of
22 the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transpor-
23 tation Authority, was a strong and effective cham-
24 pion of policies to improve highway construction,

1 safety, and maintenance and secure adequate transit
2 funding.

3 (7) In 2005, Jenny Oropeza began her coura-
4 geous personal battle with cancer and used her expe-
5 rience for good by championing landmark legislation
6 to improve the health and well-being of her constitu-
7 ents during her time in the California State Senate,
8 including passing a bill imposing the first regula-
9 tions on a dangerous greenhouse gas.

10 (8) Recognized by both the League of Conserva-
11 tion Voters and the American Cancer Society, Jenny
12 Oropeza was a recognized leading advocate of efforts
13 against smoking, including through her legislation
14 imposing the strictest ban in the United States on
15 smoking in cars with children.

16 (9) Jenny Oropeza uniquely served at the local
17 and State levels of California government, her work
18 was valuable to all she served, and she will continue
19 to be a role model to women lawmakers, Latina law-
20 makers, and environmentalists for years to come.

21 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

22 The portion of Interstate Route 710 located in Los
23 Angeles County, California, beginning at post mile 5.2 and
24 ending at post mile 6.2 shall be known and designated
25 as the “Jenny Oropeza Highway”.

1 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

2 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
3 paper, or other record of the United States to the portion
4 of Interstate Route 710 referred to in section 2 shall be
5 deemed to be a reference to the “Jenny Oropeza High-
6 way”.

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