

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6509

To designate a portion of Interstate Route 710 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the “Jenny Oropeza Highway”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 9, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON 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.

7 (2) Jenny Oropeza’s career in public service
8 began with her election to the first of two successful
9 terms as president of the student body of California
10 State University, Long Beach, from which she grad-

1 uated in 1979 with a degree in business administra-
2 tion.

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

9 (4) In 2000, Jenny Oropeza was elected to the
10 California State Assembly, where she chaired the
11 powerful Committee on Transportation.

12 (5) As Chair of the Committee on Transpor-
13 tation, Jenny Oropeza, who had served 5 years on
14 the Board of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan
15 Transportation Authority, was a strong and effective
16 champion of policies to improve highway construc-
17 tion, safety, maintenance and secure adequate tran-
18 sit funding.

19 (6) In 2006, Jenny Oropeza was named a re-
20 cipient of the prestigious Smith-Weiss Environ-
21 mental Champion Award by the Los Angeles League
22 of Conservation Voters for her efforts to reduce air
23 pollution, prevent cancer, and protect the environ-
24 ment.

1 (7) In light of State Senator Jenny Oropeza’s
2 personal battle, California Senator Oropeza bravely
3 used those experiences to effect landmark legislation
4 to improve the health and well-being of all Ameri-
5 cans.

6 (8) The American Cancer Society recognized
7 Jenny Oropeza as a leading advocate of efforts
8 against smoking, including through her legislation
9 imposing the strictest ban in the United States on
10 smoking in cars with children.

11 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

12 The portion of Interstate Route 710 located in Los
13 Angeles County, California, beginning at post mile 6.5 and
14 ending at post mile 7.5 shall be known and designated
15 as the “Jenny Oropeza Highway”.

16 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

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

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