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Nixon Freeway May Exit Soon

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A resolution taking former President Richard Nixon's name off a Southern California freeway was approved yesterday by the California Senate.

Despite arguments that the measure was "another slap in the face" for Mr. Nixon, the upper house voted 23 to 5 to approve the resolution by Senator Nate Holden, (Dem-Culver City).

The measure, which now goes to the Assembly, changes the name of State Route 90 from the Richard M. Nixon freeway to the Marina freeway.

Holden said only 2 ½ miles

of the superhighway have been built in the Marina del Rey area of Los Angeles county. He said that although the freeway is named after Mr. Nixon, local residents call it the Marina freeway.

He said the change was requested by local chamber of commerce officials.

But Senator James Whetmore (Rep-Buena Park) opposed the measure, saying it would be "another slap in the face."

If the resolution is also approved by the Assembly, it would be a binding order to the Department of Transportation.

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