

The Nixon Freeway Gets a New Name

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The Richard M. Nixon Freeway in Southern California isn't going to carry that name any more.

The California Assembly voted 41 to 12 yesterday to give final approval to a measure renaming that 3½-mile roadway — about 40 miles north of Nixon's San Clemente home — the Marina Freeway.

State transportation spokesman Stu Mitchell said freeway signs would be changed. Mitchell said, "The legislature names freeways, and we'll go along."

But not everyone was happy. Assemblyman John Briggs, a Fullerton Republican who took three years to win passage of the bill naming it the Nixon freeway, was the most unhappy.

"Nixon has never been convicted of any crime," the lawmaker said.

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