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**Memorial Highway Naming Dedication of State Route 168 in Honor of
Esther Negrete Padilla, Fresno's First Latina Councilmember**

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FRESNO, CA – Assembly Member Dr. Joaquin Arambula and Councilwoman Esmeralda Soria will hold a private Memorial Highway Naming Dedication of State Route 168 in honor of Esther Negrete Padilla on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 12:30pm at Fresno City Hall (2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA).

Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula sponsored resolution ACR 139 passed by the State of California, which designates the portion of State Highway 168 beginning at the interchange with State Highway Route 180 and ending at East Shields Avenue as the Esther Negrete Padilla Highway.

Esther Negrete Padilla was born and raised in the Central Valley and attended Fresno State. She made history in becoming the first Latina elected to the Fresno City Council representing District 5 in 1991. She played a vital role in the construction of both Highway 180 and 168.

As we conclude the celebration of Latino Heritage Month from September 15 – October 15, it is an honor to commemorate the life and legacy of our very own Latina Trailblazer, Esther Negrete Padilla.

Sponsors of the memorial highway include Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Councilwoman Esmeralda Soria, Council President Miguel Arias, Councilmember Luis Chavez, Councilmember Nelson Esparza, and Centro La Familia Advocacy Services

WHO: Memorial Highway Naming Dedication in Honor of Esther Negrete Padilla

WHAT: Memorial Highway Naming Dedication of State Route 168 beginning at the interchange with State Highway Route 180 and ending at East Shields Avenue as the “Esther Negrete Padilla Highway”

WHEN: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 12:30pm

WHERE: Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA

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