

RESOLUTION NO. R2025-021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA, FORMALLY SUPPORTING THE NAMING OF A SEGMENT OF UNITED STATES ROUTE 95, FROM MILEPOST 31 TO MILEPOST 38, AS THE GARY KNIGHT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names has requested public comment regarding the proposed naming of a portion of United States Route 95 (mileposts 31 to 38) as the Gary Knight Memorial Highway; and

WHEREAS, Gary Knight served the City of Yuma as a Councilmember from 2014 to 2024 and made significant contributions to regional transportation improvements, economic development, and infrastructure projects that have positively impacted Yuma and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Gary Knight was an advocate for highway and transportation enhancements, including efforts to improve and expand roadways critical to Yuma's economic and community growth; and

WHEREAS, for the past 10 years, Gary Knight served on the Executive Board of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) and as chairman in 2017 and 2023, playing a key role in regional projects such as the widening of U.S. Highway 95 and the construction of the Fortuna Wash Bridge; and

WHEREAS, through YMPO, Gary Knight also served on the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Executive Board, where he helped secure \$39 million in funding for construction on U.S. Highway 95, benefiting the Yuma region; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Governor Doug Ducey appointed Knight to the Arizona State Transportation Board (STB), where he represented District 6 (Yuma, La Paz, Mohave, and Yavapai counties) and served as Chairman of the STB in 2023; and

WHEREAS, naming this segment of United States Route 95 in honor of Gary Knight serves as a fitting tribute to his years of public service, leadership, and dedication to the betterment of Yuma; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yuma believes that renaming this segment as the Gary Knight Memorial Highway is a meaningful way to honor his legacy and lasting contributions to the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yuma, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Yuma formally supports the renaming of United States Route 95, from milepost 31 to milepost 38, as the Gary Knight Memorial Highway.

SECTION 2: The City of Yuma urges the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names to approve this naming proposal in recognition of Gary Knight's service and dedication to the community and the State of Arizona.

SECTION 3: A copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names as formal public comment in support of the proposal.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicolls
Mayor

ATTESTED:

Lynda L. Bushong
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard W. Files
City Attorney