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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 16-350

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING THE DESIGNATION)
OF THE JOE LEVY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY _____)

WHEREAS, Joe Levy was a prominent Fresno businessman and civic leader, whose commitment to the Fresno area created an enduring legacy of community and humanitarian service. His contributions include championing women's professional advancement and active involvement in local organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, the American Red Cross, the Fresno Arts Council, and the Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Joe Levy was born on January 30, 1932, in Fresno. Mr. Levy graduated from Fresno High School in 1950, and he attended the University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business, where he graduated in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Levy began his career with Gottschalks as an Assistant Merchandise Manager in 1956 and was ultimately named CEO and Chairman in 1982. Under his watch, he helped the independent store expand across Central California and the West Coast, growing to about 80 stores and 29 specialty stores in six western states; and

WHEREAS, Joe dedicated his life to serving the community as the notable head of Gottschalks and continued his commitment to the community upon being appointed by Governor George Deukmejian to the California Transportation Commission. He served on the Commission from early 1983 to early 1991, and was its Chairman in 1986. With his constant vision for the future, he was a driving force for successfully securing funding for the expanding freeway system in Fresno County

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors joins former Supervisor Sharon Levy and family as we honor Joe Levy and recognize the designation of the Joe Levy Memorial Highway on State Highway Route 41 from Bullard Avenue to Herndon Avenue in the County of Fresno.

Adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of September, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Mendes, Pacheco, Perea, Poochigian
NOES: None
ABSENT: None


CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop
Deputy