

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 147**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Lackey**  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Wilk)

February 18, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 147—Relative to the Aerospace Valley.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 147, as introduced, Lackey. The Aerospace Valley.

This measure would recognize that the Antelope Valley will henceforth be affectionately and acceptably referred to by the State of California as the Aerospace Valley.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Located between the northern part of the County  
2 of Los Angeles and the southern part of the of the County of Kern  
3 is the Antelope Valley (AV); and  
4 WHEREAS, The AV lies between the Tehachapi, Sierra Pelona,  
5 and San Gabriel Mountains; and  
6 WHEREAS, The western part of the Mojave Desert comprises  
7 the AV; and  
8 WHEREAS, The referenced name “Antelope Valley” was aptly  
9 derived from the pronghorn, or American antelope, that lived in  
10 the valley; and  
11 WHEREAS, During the late 1800s, the AV was home to about  
12 one-half of the pronghorn species that existed in the world; and  
13 WHEREAS, The AV has several airports, airfields, and a  
14 spaceport, including Palmdale Regional Airport, General William

1 J. Fox Airfield, Inyokern Airport, Mojave Air and Space Port,  
2 Mountain Valley Airport, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake,  
3 Tehachapi Municipal Airport, Agua Dulce Airpark, Rosamond  
4 Skypark Airport, California City Municipal Airport, and Crystalline  
5 Airport; and

6 WHEREAS, The National Aeronautics and Space  
7 Administration's (NASA) space shuttles originally landed at  
8 Edwards Air Force Base because the lakebeds offered a long  
9 landing area until the Kennedy Space Center was built, but  
10 Edwards remains a backup in the case of bad weather in Cape  
11 Canaveral; and

12 WHEREAS, The AV has many educational institutions as well,  
13 most notably the California Aerospace Technologies Institute of  
14 Excellence (CATIE), promoting the aviation and aerospace industry  
15 and technology; and

16 WHEREAS, The AV is the location where the first flight sound  
17 barrier was broken on October 14, 1947, by General Charles  
18 Elwood "Chuck" Yeager, an early United States Air Force test  
19 pilot at Edwards, which was previously known as Muroc Army  
20 Airfield; and

21 WHEREAS, The first land vehicle to break the sound barrier  
22 was in the AV as well, accomplished by an unmanned rocket sled  
23 on January 12, 1948; and

24 WHEREAS, The AV is home to key players in the aerospace  
25 industry, such as Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Northrop Grumman,  
26 and BAE Systems, as well as several other aerospace companies;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, The Space Shuttle orbiters, Rockwell B-1 Lancer,  
29 Northrop Grumman B-2 Spirit, Lockheed F-117 Nighthawk,  
30 Lockheed Martin F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, and Lockheed L-1101  
31 Tristar projects are designated in the AV; and

32 WHEREAS, NASA's Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center  
33 is located in the AV, having earned the nickname "Aerospace  
34 Valley"; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Antelope Valley will henceforth be  
37 affectionately and acceptably referred to by the State of California  
38 as the Aerospace Valley; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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