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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGNATE  
HIGHWAY 76 BETWEEN ESPANOLA AND PENASCO AS THE CASIMIRO ROCA  
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Casimiro Roca, a northern New  
Mexican legend known for his great faith, his enduring age and  
his blessing of holy dirt, died last summer just after  
celebrating his ninety-seventh birthday; and

WHEREAS, Father Roca was born in 1918 in a small town  
outside of Barcelona and came to the United States as a member  
of the Sons of the Holy Family to start a new life; and

WHEREAS, the reverend had worked as a parish priest in  
Colorado before he was assigned in 1954 to northern New  
Mexico's Santa Cruz de la Canada parish, which includes the  
Santuario de Chimayo; and

