

## 2018 IN MEMORIAM

### Fred Ernest Hummel



Fred Hummel, former California State Architect, died February 10, 2018 at the age of 91.

Hummel grew up in Ojai, California and joined the Army in 1945. He graduated from UC Berkeley in Architecture, soon afterward opening his architectural practice. In 1968, he was appointed by Governor Ronald Reagan as the State Architect, serving for six years before returning to private practice in Sacramento. In 1996, he served as State Architect under the Pete Wilson administration, and, in 1999, was reappointed by Governor Gray Davis.

Hummel was a key player in the Legislature's decision to restore the Historic State Capitol West Wing. He authored two independent studies of the feasibility and costs of restoration and the other options, including twin high-rise towers at the east end of Capitol Park. His work was fair and balanced and resisted the pressure to go along with the momentum of a pre-determined outcome. With facts fully exposed, the Legislature opted for restoration, and the beautiful Capitol enjoyed today is the result.

His other distinguished architectural projects include work on the San Francisco Civic Center State Office and Supreme Court Building, the Del Mar Thoroughbred Race Course, as well as the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

In 1972, his peers elected Hummel to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.