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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 135

Introduced by Assembly Member Runner
(Coauthor: Senator Knight)

August 18, 2003

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 135—Relative to the Deputy Sheriff ~~Steven~~ *Stephen* Sorensen Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 135, as amended, Runner. Deputy Sheriff ~~Steven~~ *Stephen* Sorensen Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 138 as the Deputy Sheriff ~~Steven~~ *Stephen* Sorensen Memorial Highway. The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Of all the promises that America offers none is
2 more precious or illusive than the right to be free from crime and
3 violence; and

4 WHEREAS, Californians are indebted every day to our peace
5 officers, and we pay special tribute to their bravery and dedication
6 and share in their pain when one of their members is killed in the
7 line of duty; and

1 WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have the
2 unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety, and it is as
3 difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the
4 death, at the age of 46, of Deputy Sheriff Stephen Sorensen of the
5 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who was killed in the
6 line of duty on August 2, 2003, in Llano, while responding to a
7 routine trespassing investigation on his "day off;" and

8 WHEREAS, Deputy Sorensen who was known as the "town
9 sheriff" was the resident deputy for the Lake Los Angeles area and
10 patrolled several sparsely populated communities at the edge of
11 the Mojave Desert and he was the only full-time deputy
12 responsible for 150 square miles; and

13 WHEREAS, He was a longtime Los Angeles resident and
14 served 3 years in the United States Army as a military policeman;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Deputy Sorensen was renowned for working to
17 better the community and for helping the people living there and
18 performed his duty not for press or glory but for the betterment of
19 his community; and

20 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize the hazardous work,
21 serious responsibilities, and strong commitment that Deputy
22 Sorensen willingly accepted during his 12 years as a law
23 enforcement officer; and

24 WHEREAS, Deputy Stephen Sorensen is remembered as a
25 dedicated father to his son, Matthew, a loving husband to his wife,
26 Christine, and a man who committed his life and his career to Lake
27 Los Angeles and the safety of his neighbors; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of
30 State Highway Route 138 from 136th Avenue to ~~195th Avenue~~
31 *Street to 195th Street* as the Deputy Sheriff ~~Steven~~ Stephen
32 Sorensen Memorial Highway; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to
34 determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent
35 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
36 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations
37 from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those
38 plaques and markers; and be it further



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

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