

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 20

Introduced by Assembly Member Oropeza

February 18, 2005

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 20— Relative to CHP Officer Merle L. Andrews Memorial Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 20, as introduced, Oropeza. CHP Officer Merle L. Andrews Memorial Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange of Interstate 405 and Interstate 110 in the City of Carson in the County of Los Angeles as the CHP Officer Merle L. Andrews Memorial Interchange. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The calling to be a peace officer is one of the
2 highest vocations of public service and any individual who
3 accepts this calling is worthy of the highest respect and honor the
4 community, state, and nation can provide; and
5 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officer Merle L.
6 Andrews was killed in the line of duty on December 20, 1967.
7 Officer Andrews was attempting to arrest a man wanted in
8 connection with a stolen vehicle, robbery, and kidnaping when
9 the man opened fired on Officer Andrews; and
10 WHEREAS, Merle L. Andrews succumbed to his injuries as a
11 result of the shooting; and

1 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Merle L. Andrews was
2 survived by his wife, Sandy Andrews, son, Carl J. Andrews,
3 father, Carl J. Andrews, mother, Margaret C. Andrews, brother,
4 Neil Andrews, niece, Margaret A. Cady, nephew Peter Beaver,
5 and many beloved friends; and

6 WHEREAS, Merle L. Andrews was born on February 4, 1928,
7 in Redondo Beach, California, to Carl and Margaret Andrews.
8 His family settled in Compton where he graduated from
9 Compton High School and attended Compton Junior College;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Merle L. Andrews took great pride in serving the
12 United States of America by enlisting in the United States Navy
13 serving from 1945 through 1949; and

14 WHEREAS, Prior to beginning his career with the California
15 Highway Patrol, Merle L. Andrews followed in the footsteps of
16 his father and brother by joining the Compton Police
17 Department; and

18 WHEREAS, Merle L. Andrews joined the California Highway
19 Patrol on July 8, 1958. After successfully completing his
20 academy training, he reported to the South Los Angeles area on
21 October 3, 1958; and

22 WHEREAS, During his CHP career, Merle L. Andrews made
23 significant contributions to traffic safety and assisting the
24 motoring public and was known by his fellow officers for his
25 dedication to the department and to the protection of the citizens
26 of our state; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
29 interchange of Interstate 405 and Interstate 110 in the City of
30 Carson in the County of Los Angeles, as the CHP Officer Merle
31 L. Andrews Memorial Interchange; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
33 to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs,
34 consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway
35 system, showing these special designations, and upon receiving
36 donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those
37 signs; and be it further

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

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