
Introduced by Senator Denham

January 12, 2005

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7— Relative to Officer Stephan Gene Gray Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 7, as introduced, Denham. Officer Stephan Gene Gray Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 99 in the City of Merced as the Officer Stephan Gene Gray Memorial Highway. 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 that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have
2 the unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety, and it is
3 as difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the
4 death of Officer Stephan Gene Gray of the Merced Police
5 Department, who was killed in the line of duty on April 15, 2004,
6 while working in an undercover detail with the Special
7 Operations Unit specializing in street level narcotics and gang
8 violence suppression; and
9 WHEREAS, Officer Gray was born on August 21, 1969, in
10 Tulare to Lonather and Andrew Gray Sr.; he attended local
11 schools until his family relocated to Hanford, where he graduated
12 from Hanford High School in 1987; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Gray attended Fresno City College for
2 two years, where he actively participated in sports, including
3 baseball, track and field, and weightlifting; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Gray entered the Fresno Police Academy,
5 and upon completion, was hired as an officer by the Merced
6 Police Department; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Officer Gray exhibited all of
8 the most treasured human qualities that are universally
9 recognized as true indicators of a life of fulfillment and meaning;
10 he was admired and appreciated for his kindness, generosity of
11 spirit, love of family, eternal optimism, passion for working to
12 make the world a better place, wonderful sense of humor, and
13 genuine capacity to share his time and talents with others; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Gray’s love and influence on others has
15 had an important and lasting value; and

16 WHEREAS, To mourn his passing and celebrate his legacy,
17 Officer Gray leaves his lovely wife, Michelle, his children,
18 Landess, Isaiah, and Cameron; his mother, Lonather Gray, his
19 father, Andrew Gray Sr.; his brothers, Andrew Gray Jr. and
20 Tony; his sister, Rosalind; his grandmothers Clonia Shaver and
21 Charlie Mae Jones; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Marge
22 and Howard Zanders; and a host of friends and relatives; and

23 WHEREAS, Highly decorated, Officer Gray was a gallant and
24 dedicated officer who exemplified the true character of the brave
25 men and women who devote their time and energy to the perilous
26 duties of law enforcement; and

27 WHEREAS, In honor of Officer Gray, Governor Arnold
28 Schwarzenegger ordered that Capitol flags be flown at half-staff;
29 now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
31 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby officially
32 designates that portion of State Highway Route 99 between
33 Childs Avenue and 16th Street in the City of Merced as the
34 “Officer Stephan Gene Gray Memorial Highway”; and be it
35 further

36 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
37 to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers,
38 consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway
39 system, showing these special designations, and upon receiving

1 donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to
2 erect those plaques and markers; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
4 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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