

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 20

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 65

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 20—Relative to the Deputy Greg A. Gariepy Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 20, Cook. Deputy Greg A. Gariepy Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 247 between State Highway Route 62 and the town limit of Yucca Valley, in the County of San Bernardino, as the "Deputy Greg A. Gariepy Memorial Highway." The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs so designating that portion of State Highway Route 247 and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Greg A. Gariepy was born on July 2, 1965, in the United States Army Hospital in Wurzburg, Germany, where his father was stationed with the Army; and

WHEREAS, Greg A. Gariepy was a man of high integrity and devotion, whose life of dedication and sacrifice began at a young age; and

WHEREAS, On August 29, 1983, Greg A. Gariepy joined the Marine Corps, embarking on a 20-year career that included such assignments as drill instructor, sniper, and antiterrorism expert, and during which he attained the rank of E7, Gunnery Sergeant, and was awarded 24 medals, commendations, and ribbons; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement from the Marine Corps on September 30, 2003, Greg A. Gariepy chose to serve his community by joining the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and he graduated from the academy with class No. 153 in December 2003; and

WHEREAS, During his career with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Greg A. Gariepy worked at the West Valley Detention Center, the Morongo Basin Station, and, finally, the Twentynine Palms Station; and

WHEREAS, Greg A. Gariepy loved the outdoors, loved a good round of golf, and loved coaching softball — in coaching his girls' softball team he was tough, inspired teamwork, and gave the team members a shoulder to lean on and a laugh when needed; and

WHEREAS, Greg A. Gariepy had a passion for helping others and, on June 22, 2005, while on patrol and en route to assist a fellow deputy, he was involved in a fatal traffic accident in the town of Yucca Valley; and

WHEREAS, Greg A. Gariepy is survived by his wife, Mishelle, and his three children, Brett, Annette, and Brooke; and

WHEREAS, Greg A. Gariepy is remembered by his colleagues in the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department as a "warrior" who led by example, who was not afraid to volunteer for the most difficult of duties, and who was a humble leader who understood that true leadership is characterized by action, not position; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that a portion of State Highway Route 247 be dedicated in honor of Deputy Greg A. Gariepy, a brave man who served our country and protected us and who was a selfless and self-sacrificing hero; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby dedicates that portion of State Highway Route 247 between State Highway Route 62 and the town limit of Yucca Valley, in the County of San Bernardino, in honor of Greg A. Gariepy by officially designating that route as the Deputy Greg A. Gariepy Memorial Highway; and be it further

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

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