

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 41

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 72

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 41—Relative to the Officer James M. Goodman Memorial Highway.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 41, Emmerson. Officer James M. Goodman Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 10 in San Bernardino County as the Officer James M. Goodman 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 appropriate nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, The role of peace officer is one of the highest vocations of public service and an individual who accepts a calling to serve in that role is worthy of the highest respect and honor that the community, the state, and the nation can provide; and

WHEREAS, On June 3, 2004, California Highway Patrol Officer James M. Goodman was killed in the line of duty. Officer Goodman was traveling west on his department motorcycle in the City of Redlands, attempting to overtake a vehicle he believed to be involved in a hit and run accident, when a van, traveling north on Nevada Street, entered the intersection from the south directly in the path of Officer Goodman. Officer Goodman was unable to avoid a collision and broadsided the van; and

WHEREAS, Officer Goodman thereafter succumbed to the injuries he received from the traffic collision; and

WHEREAS, Officer Goodman was born on September 11, 1955, in Martinez, California, was raised in the Bay Area, and graduated in 1973 from Pinole High School; and

WHEREAS, Officer Goodman honorably served in the United States Army for nearly eight years and dedicated four years to reserve duty, ultimately achieving the rank of sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Officer Goodman joined the California Highway Patrol on January 9, 1984. After successfully completing his training at the California Highway Patrol Academy, he reported to the Redwood City area on May 24, 1984; and

WHEREAS, On August 20, 1985, Officer Goodman was awarded a California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training Basic Certificate; and

WHEREAS, On April 1, 1987, Officer Goodman transferred to the San Jose area; on May 2, 1989, he was assigned to the Oakland area; on October 1, 1993, he was assigned to the Golden Gate Division; on June 26, 2000, he was assigned to the Oakland area; and on March 1, 2001, he was assigned to the San Bernardino area; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Officer Goodman earned numerous certificates of achievement in the field of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, While stationed in the Oakland area, Officer Goodman was the first officer to arrive on scene at the Cypress Freeway viaduct collapse after the Loma Prieta Earthquake occurred on October 17, 1989; and

WHEREAS, On the day of the earthquake, Officer Goodman helped to release a driver trapped under a collapsed portion of the Cypress Freeway viaduct by crawling through a small space only accessible by removing several pieces of his safety equipment. For three hours, while the viaduct continued to settle from aftershocks, he and his colleagues worked to free the driver. In honor of this heroic act, he and two other officers were awarded the Medal of Valor by Governor Pete Wilson; and

WHEREAS, On November 25, 1989, Officer Goodman received a Meritorious Award from the office of the Mayor of the City of Oakland for his valor, gallantry, and courage during the 1989 earthquake; and

WHEREAS, Officer Goodman made significant contributions to traffic safety and to the motoring public while serving at each assigned area; and

WHEREAS, Officer Goodman served for 20 years as a sworn peace officer for the California Highway Patrol and was known by his fellow officers for his outstanding dedication to the department and to the protection of the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, Officer Goodman is survived by his wife, Patti, his sons, Jacob and Joshua, his parents, Bill and Ruby, his brothers, Lee and Lynn, his sisters, Bonnie and Betty, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates, in acknowledgment of the many years of dedicated service provided by CHP Officer Goodman to the citizens of California, the portion of State Highway Route 10 between mile markers 25.26 and 29.82 in San Bernardino County as the Officer James M. Goodman Memorial Highway; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the 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.