

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 80

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 70

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to the CHP Officer Robert Franklin Dickey Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 80, Garcia. The CHP Officer Robert Franklin Dickey Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the segment of State Highway Route 8, between Sidewinder Road and Ogilby Road, in the Town of Winterhaven in the County of Imperial, as the CHP Officer Robert Franklin Dickey Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Of all of the promises America offers, none is more precious or more elusive than the right to be free from crime and violence; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have the unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety, and it is as difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the death of Officer Robert Franklin Dickey of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), who was killed in the line of duty on June 10, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert Dickey was born in Brawley on January 4, 1970, to Fred and Carol Dickey; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert Dickey grew up on the outskirts of El Centro, where he also attended local schools; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Central Union High School in 1988, Officer Robert Dickey pursued his education at DeVry Technical Institute in Phoenix, Arizona, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting; and

WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, Officer Robert Dickey started a roofing business with his father, where he worked until he entered the CHP Academy in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert Dickey's love for the CHP began when he was five years old, after a neighbor, who was an officer, spent time telling him stories about the CHP; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from the CHP Academy on February 22, 2002, Officer Robert Dickey reported to the central Los Angeles area; and

WHEREAS, On May 1, 2003, Officer Robert Dickey transferred to the Winterhaven area, where he spent the remainder of his career; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert Dickey had gained the respect of his peers, allied law enforcement agencies, and the community he served, and his willingness to assist in any endeavor epitomized the California Highway Patrol's motto of "Safety, Service, & Security"; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert Dickey was a devoted husband, loving father, son, brother, and friend; in his free time, he enjoyed riding dirt bikes, jet skiing, wakeboarding, and playing basketball and racquetball, and he also enjoyed spending time with his wife and young son; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert Dickey leaves his wife, Yekaterina; his son, Nathan; his mother, Carol; his father, Fred; his brother, Russell; his sister, Julie; a host of family and friends; and the entire CHP family to mourn his passing and celebrate his legacy; and

WHEREAS, On June 11, 2007, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger ordered Capitol flags to be flown at half-staff in honor of Officer Robert Dickey; and

WHEREAS, We pause to honor Officer Robert Dickey, who made the ultimate sacrifice while performing his sworn duty, and pay tribute to him, a fallen hero, by recalling his devotion, celebrating his life, and honoring his service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the segment of State Highway Route 8, between Sidewinder Road and Ogilby Road, in the Town of Winterhaven in the County of Imperial, as the CHP Officer Robert Franklin Dickey Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is hereby 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.