

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 127

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 95

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 127—Relative to Garden Grove Police Officers Memorial Highway, honoring Myron L. Trapp, Andy R. Reese, Donald R. Reed, Michael L. Rainford, and Howard E. Dallies, Jr.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 127, Tran. Garden Grove Police Officers Memorial Highway, honoring Myron L. Trapp, Andy R. Reese, Donald R. Reed, Michael L. Rainford, and Howard E. Dallies, Jr.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 22 in the City of Garden Grove, as the Garden Grove Police Officers Memorial Highway, honoring Myron L. Trapp, Andy R. Reese, Donald R. Reed, Michael L. Rainford, and Howard E. Dallies, Jr. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, The City of Garden Grove has had more police officers killed in the line of duty than any other municipal police agency in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, On October 6, 1959, Garden Grove Police Officer Myron L. Trapp and other officers responded to a call of an assault with a deadly weapon. A man watching a baseball game on television was upset with a road crew working on the street in front of his house and fired two shots from a rifle in their direction. Sergeant Trapp tried to talk the suspect out of the house using a bullhorn. As another officer approached the front door, Sergeant Trapp saw the suspect walking toward the door with the rifle. Sergeant Trapp ran to the front to warn the other officer and the suspect fired once through the door. The bullet passed by the first officer and struck Sergeant Trapp, fatally wounding him; and

WHEREAS, Garden Grove Reserve Officer Andy R. Reese was one of the first reserve officers to work for the City of Garden Grove. He had retired from the military, moved to Garden Grove, and joined the police department. He was a professional reserve officer who could do it all. In the early years of the Garden Grove Police Department, all new officers were required to ride with Officer Reese as a requirement before being sent to an academy. On May 30, 1970, Officer Reese was directing traffic at Brookhurst and Trask Streets during the Strawberry Festival parade. An impatient motorist decided to pass the slow moving traffic and struck Officer Reese, fatally injuring him; and

WHEREAS, Garden Grove Police Officer Donald R. Reed began his law enforcement career as a Garden Grove Police Officer in 1977. Officer Reed quickly earned a reputation as a streetwise police officer with an expertise in narcotics. On June 7, 1980, Officer Reed and three other officers entered the Cripple Creek Bar to serve a felony arrest warrant on a man in the bar. Officer Reed talked to the subject and began to escort him to the back door to prevent an incident inside the bar. As they walked out the door, the man turned and fired a semiautomatic handgun and struck Officer Reed in the chest, fatally wounding him; and

WHEREAS, Garden Grove Police Officer Michael L. Rainford began his law enforcement career with the Garden Grove Police Department as a reserve officer. Officer Rainford quickly earned the respect and trust of all who worked with him and was noted for his ever-present smile and cheerful personality. On November 7, 1980, five months after the loss of Officer Reed, Officer Rainford was on patrol when he saw a traffic violation on Harbor Boulevard and followed the violator onto the westbound Garden Grove Freeway on-ramp. It was a normal car stop for a traffic violation, however, Officer Rainford never made it to the violator. He was struck by a drunk driver and fatally injured; and

WHEREAS, Garden Grove Police Officer Howard E. Dallies, Jr., began his law enforcement career with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and went to the Placentia Police Department before becoming a Garden Grove Police Officer five years later. Officer Dallies was known for being a quiet, patient, and sincerely polite man. On March 9, 1993, at approximately 2:45 am, Master Officer Dallies stopped the driver of a motorcycle on Aldgate Street, east of Brookhurst Street. As Officer Dallies approached the motorcycle, the driver fired six shots at Officer Dallies, striking him four times. Master Officer Dallies was rushed to the hospital, where he died from his wounds; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize and honor these fallen officers' sacrifice; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the eight mile portion of State Highway Route 22 in the City of Garden Grove, as the Garden Grove Police Officers Memorial Highway, honoring Myron L. Trapp, Andy R. Reese, Donald R. Reed, Michael L. Rainford, and Howard E. Dallies, Jr.; 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.

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