

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 128

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 75

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 128—Relative to the Officer Sixto Maldonado, Jr., Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 128, Arambula. Officer Sixto Maldonado, Jr., Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 33 in the City of Firebaugh in Fresno County as the Officer Sixto Maldonado, Jr., Memorial Highway. The measure also would 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 the costs, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Sixto Maldonado, Jr., born on April 9, 1952, in Fresno to proud parents Sixto Sr. and Evangelina Maldonado, was the oldest of six siblings, and attended Arthur E. Mills Elementary School and Riverview Junior High School in Firebaugh, followed by his attendance and graduation from Dos Palos High School in 1971, where he lettered in track and field and flag football, was involved in student government, and played the saxophone as a member of the school band; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maldonado was a member of the newly-formed Firebaugh Youth Group, served as its president for a number of years while in high school, and was a role model student who was highly respected in his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maldonado grew up in the vicinity of Firebaugh in an unincorporated area still known today as "Del Rio," and worked in the fields as a farm laborer at a very young age to help his parents provide for their family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maldonado was a loving and caring person and father figure to his younger siblings and to his extended family members, who viewed him as very respectful, responsible, and trustworthy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maldonado worked in a variety of different jobs to help offset costs of his extended education, and in 1972, enrolled and attended 4 C's Business College with a major in business administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maldonado started his law enforcement career as a Firebaugh Police Department Reserve/Dispatcher in 1973, and was also an emergency medical technician for the City of Firebaugh where he drove and assisted on ambulance runs; and

WHEREAS, On July 6, 1974, Mr. Maldonado married Rosie Moran and they had their first and only child on June 28, 1975, Sixto Maldonado III; and

WHEREAS, Officer Maldonado was tragically slain in the line of duty as a Firebaugh police officer on August 19, 1975, at the tender age of 23, leaving behind his wife and son; and

WHEREAS, Officer Maldonado leaves a legacy of his distinguished service to law enforcement, with three brothers and a nephew following in his footsteps and becoming peace officers for the County of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, It is therefore appropriate to designate a portion of State Highway Route 33 in the City of Firebaugh in Fresno County in Officer Maldonado's honor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 33 between Bullard Avenue and Douglas Avenue, in the City of Firebaugh, as the Officer Sixto Maldonado, Jr., 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 the costs, 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.