

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 141

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 137

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 141—Relative to the CHP Officer Andrew “Andy” Stevens Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 141, La Malfa. CHP Officer Andrew “Andy” Stevens Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the section of State Highway Route 16 in Yolo County between County Road 98 and Interstate 505 as the CHP Officer Andrew “Andy” Stevens 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, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Andrew “Andy” Todd Stevens was born February 25, 1968, in Sacramento, California; and

WHEREAS, Andy Stevens attended Kohler Elementary School in North Highlands. He then attended Carmichael Baptist Academy where he graduated from high school in 1986. Following high school, he attended American River College and Sacramento City College where he studied criminal justice. Law enforcement was his career of choice; and

WHEREAS, In May 1994, Andy Stevens was selected for the position of Cadet at the CHP Academy. Upon graduation, CHP Officer Stevens was assigned to road patrol in Baldwin Park. Later, he worked in San Jose, Golden Gate Communications Center, Golden Gate Division, and the Woodland area. In May 2002, he found his true calling and was assigned as a Commercial Officer in Valley Division, serving the Sacramento area; and

WHEREAS, While working in Woodland, CHP Officer Stevens met an Emergency Medical Technician named Michelle, who was working for American Medical Response Ambulance Company. They were married on October 20, 2002, at Lake Tahoe; and

WHEREAS, CHP Officer Stevens loved to travel. He and Michelle visited locations all over the world, including a very memorable trip to Europe. While in Europe, they rented a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and rode through Germany. Their love of motorcycles also led them to take a three-week ride to Milwaukee to celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary of Harley-Davidson in 2003; and

WHEREAS, CHP Officer Stevens was a blessing to his family and friends. He planned annual neighborhood campouts and was the driving force for

many in his cul-de-sac to buy motorcycles. CHP Officer Stevens could always be counted on to help out. He was deeply involved in his local church. He always demonstrated strong dedication, love, and commitment to family, friends, and the community; and

WHEREAS, CHP Officer Stevens' life was packed with achievements. He was the Director of the Auburn Chapter of the Harley Owners Group and was instrumental in organizing and coordinating numerous charitable events. He was in his second year of organizing the Annual Toy Run in Auburn, which raises toys for over 1,000 disadvantaged children in the community; and

WHEREAS, CHP Officer Stevens was killed on November 17, 2005, in a felonious assault while working road patrol near State Highway Route 16 in rural Yolo County. CHP Officer Stevens had initiated a traffic stop for a Vehicle Code violation and approached the violator's vehicle when he was suddenly and ruthlessly shot by the driver. The driver fled the scene and was apprehended less than 12 hours later. CHP Officer Stevens was laid to rest in Sacramento County after a ceremony attended by thousands of mourners, including his fellow officers, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, CHP Officer Stevens is survived by his beloved wife Michelle, his parents John and Patricia Stevens, mother-in-law Kathleen, his brother Mark and sister-in-law Nahrain, brother-in-law Ezaria, nieces Jessica and Alyssa, and nephew Michael, and his basset hounds, Abby and Rocky; and

WHEREAS, CHP Officer Stevens' absence will be felt throughout the CHP and the law enforcement community for years to come. The loss of such a caring and giving person is a loss not just to family, friends, and coworkers, but is truly a loss to the entire community and state that CHP Officer Stevens served; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the section of State Highway Route 16 in Yolo County between County Road 98 and Interstate 505 as the CHP Officer Andrew "Andy" Stevens 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 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.