

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 156

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

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Deputy Secretary of State

RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 156—Relative to the CDF Firefighter Eva Marie Schicke Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 156, Berryhill. The CDF Firefighter Eva Marie Schicke Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 120 from the Mariposa/Tuolumne County line to the Rim of the World Vista as the CDF Firefighter Eva Marie Schicke 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 covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) Firefighter Eva Marie Schicke passed away in the line of duty on September 12, 2004, at the age of 23, while battling a fire in the Stanislaus National Forest; and

WHEREAS, Schicke was born in Turlock, California, in 1980 and moved to Placerville with her family in 1988. She was a two-sport standout in basketball and volleyball at Ponderosa High School in Shingle Springs, California; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Schicke returned to Turlock, California, to attend California State University, Stanislaus (CSUS), where she received a degree in criminal justice in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Schicke was an outstanding collegiate athlete. She played basketball at CSUS for four years, was a three-year starter for the CSUS Warriors, and was the second leading team scorer during her senior year. A highly versatile player, Schicke played forward, point, and off-guard positions. On the court, Schicke showed the toughness, drive, and physical prowess that made her a leader among her teammates and later contributed to her successful firefighting career; and

WHEREAS, Schicke began her career with CDF in June 2000; her first assignment was at the CDF station in Arnold, California.

Schicke proved to be an outstanding employee and quickly developed into a topnotch firefighter. Her sense of humor, determination, work ethic, and mental and physical toughness all contributed to her success with CDF. Schicke was held in high regard by all who worked with her and was proud to have earned the respect of her fellow firefighters; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her outstanding abilities as a firefighter, Schicke was selected to join the crew of Copter 404 in June of 2004. These highly coveted assignments are typically reserved for the most experienced firefighters who demonstrate outstanding job knowledge, work ethic, and physical conditioning; and

WHEREAS, Schicke thrived on the challenges presented by fighting wildland fires and loved the camaraderie that she found in the station and airbase; and

WHEREAS, On September 12, 2004, Schicke and the crew of Copter 404 were engaged in firefighting efforts on a fire near Groveland, California, when Schicke and six other firefighters were overrun by the fire; and

WHEREAS, Schicke was completing her fifth season with CDF at the time of her death and was the first female firefighter from CDF to die in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Schicke personified the professionalism, work ethic, and dedication for which CDF firefighters are known. She touched the lives of many, is missed by all who knew her, and will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the contributions of CDF Firefighter Eva Marie Schicke to the people of California and designates the portion of State Highway Route 120 from the Mariposa/Tuolumne County line to the Rim of the World Vista as the CDF Firefighter Eva Marie Schicke 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.

Attest:

Secretary of State