

Introduced by Senator Kuehl
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20—Relative to the Ricardo A. Crocker Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 20, as introduced, Kuehl. Ricardo A. Crocker Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the segment of State Highway Route 10 within the city limits of Santa Monica as the Ricardo A. Crocker Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation 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.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2005, Santa Monica Police Officer
2 Ricardo A. Crocker, a Major in the United States Marine Corps,
3 was killed by a rocket propelled grenade explosion while
4 conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Iraq; and
5 WHEREAS, Ricardo A. Crocker was assigned to Detachment
6 D, Third Civil Affairs Group, attached to the Fifth Provisional
7 Civil Affairs Group II MEF and had previously served in Operation
8 Iraqi Freedom II with the Third Civil Affairs Group from February
9 through September 2004, volunteering to return to Iraq with the
10 Fifth Provisional Civil Affairs Group in February 2005; and

1 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Ricardo A. Crocker,
2 known as “Rick,” was 39 years of age and a 10-year veteran of
3 the Santa Monica Police Department; and

4 WHEREAS, Ricardo A. Crocker held the rank of Captain in the
5 United States Marine Corps when he was hired by the Santa
6 Monica Police Department on July 21, 1995, subsequently being
7 promoted to the rank of Major in the Marine Corps; and

8 WHEREAS, As an Officer for the Santa Monica Police
9 Department, Ricardo A. Crocker served in uniform patrol and was
10 a member of the Crime Impact Team and Special Entry Team,
11 serving as the primary emergency medical technician for the
12 Special Entry Team, and was a rifle team member and rifle
13 instructor; and

14 WHEREAS, While in his final assignment to the Police
15 Activities League, Officer Crocker made an indelible impression
16 on the youth of Santa Monica by teaching preparatory courses for
17 the Scholastic Aptitude Test, leading the book club, and
18 implementing hiking and camping programs that exposed these
19 youth to his two passions: education and nature; and

20 WHEREAS, Ricardo A. Crocker was an excellent officer and
21 ambassador for the Santa Monica Police Department as well as an
22 excellent protector of the community; and

23 WHEREAS, Ricardo A. Crocker was a consummate caring
24 professional who represented the highest standards and traditions
25 of law enforcement and the Santa Monica Police Department; and

26 WHEREAS, Ricardo A. Crocker was admired and loved and is
27 sadly missed by everyone who knew him; and

28 WHEREAS, The death of Ricardo A. Crocker is a great loss to
29 the entire community; and

30 WHEREAS, It is a fitting tribute to the memory of Ricardo A.
31 Crocker and to the contributions and great sacrifice he made for
32 our country, to designate the segment of State Highway Route 10
33 within the city limits of Santa Monica as the Ricardo A. Crocker
34 Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
36 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
37 segment of State Highway Route 10 within the city limits of the
38 City of Santa Monica as the Ricardo A. Crocker Memorial
39 Highway; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
2 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
3 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
4 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
5 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
6 further

7 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
8 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
9 author for appropriate distribution.

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