

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 41

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 91

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 41—Relative to the Nels Dan Niemi Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 41, Corbett. Nels Dan Niemi Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 880 between Washington Avenue and Marina Boulevard, in the City of San Leandro, as the Nels Dan Niemi Memorial Highway. The measure would 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, Officer Nels Daniel (Dan) Niemi was born on October 2, 1962, and was an officer with the San Leandro Police Department; and

WHEREAS, On July 25, 2005, Officer Niemi was working an overtime shift and was dispatched to a disturbance call at the 14600 block of Doolittle Drive in San Leandro. The caller said there were juveniles loitering and creating a disturbance in that area; and

WHEREAS, Officer Niemi arrived by himself and approached a group of male individuals. As he started talking to them and getting their identification, one of the subjects, without warning or provocation, pulled out a semiautomatic handgun and pointed it at Officer Niemi's face. The suspect shot and killed Officer Niemi; and

WHEREAS, An extensive manhunt was conducted and the alleged shooter was captured the next day; and

WHEREAS, The alleged shooter is now on trial where opening arguments are set for April 23rd; and

WHEREAS, Officer Niemi is survived by his wife, Dionne, his daughter, Jordan Gabrielle, who was six years of age at the time of her father's death, and his stepson Josh Hewitt, who was thirteen years of age at the time of his stepfather's death; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize the contributions of Officer Niemi to the people of California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 880 between Washington Avenue and Marina Boulevard, in the City of San Leandro, as the Nels Dan Niemi 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 that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

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