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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 20

Introduced by Assembly Member Bill Berryhill

February 5, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 20—Relative to the Sergeant Howard K. Stevenson Memorial Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 20, as amended, Bill Berryhill. Sergeant Howard K. Stevenson Memorial Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange ~~between~~ *at* State Highway Route 99 and Whitmore Avenue in the City of Ceres as the Sergeant Howard K. Stevenson Memorial Interchange. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Howard K. “Howie” Stevenson was born
- 2 on February 18, 1965, and on June 3, 1986, at 21 years of age,
- 3 became a peace officer with the Ceres Police Department; and
- 4 WHEREAS, On January 9, 2005, while responding to a call for
- 5 assistance at a local liquor store, Sergeant Stevenson and fellow

1 officers were ambushed and met with a hail of gunfire from an
2 assault rifle; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stevenson died almost instantly; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stevenson was the first police officer in
5 the 86-year history of the City of Ceres to be killed in the line of
6 duty; and

7 WHEREAS, On the morning of January 18, 2005, when
8 Sergeant Stevenson was laid to rest, more than 2,000 mourners,
9 mostly peace officers from jurisdictions statewide and as far away
10 as Boise, Idaho, gathered at the First Baptist Church in Modesto
11 to pay their final respects to a fallen hero; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Art de Werk eulogized Sergeant Stevenson
13 in glowing terms and concluded his remarks with “and to you
14 Howie: secure your gun and hang up your duty belt. You’ve made
15 the difficult sacrifice as a hero, dying in the service of your fellow
16 man. You are cleared of your watch”; and

17 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stevenson is remembered affectionately
18 by his fellow officers as being a role model and mentor to younger
19 officers, and as being “a cops’ cop”; and

20 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stevenson is survived by his wife Kathy,
21 daughters Megan and Mikeala, and son Bryce; now, therefore, be
22 it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the
25 sacrifices made by Sergeant Howard K. Stevenson in the line of
26 duty, and hereby designates the interchange ~~between~~ *at* State
27 Highway Route 99 and Whitmore Avenue in the City of Ceres;
28 ~~between exits 218 and 223, northbound and southbound~~, as the
29 Sergeant Howard K. Stevenson Memorial Interchange; and be it
30 further

31 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
32 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
33 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the
34 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
35 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Speaker of the Assembly transmit copies of
37 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
38 author for appropriate distribution.

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