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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 30

Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza
(Coauthor: Senator Lowenthal)

February 23, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 30—Relative to the Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff David Powell Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 30, as amended, Mendoza. Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff David Powell Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the segment of State Highway Route 91 between State Highway Route 605 and Pioneer Boulevard, in Los Angeles County, as the Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff David Powell Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Of all the promises America offers, none is more
- 2 precious or elusive than the right to be free from crime and
- 3 violence; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Californians are indebted every day to our peace
- 5 officers, and we pay special tribute to their bravery and dedication
- 6 and share in their pain when one of their members is killed in the
- 7 line of duty; and

1 WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have the
2 unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety and it is as
3 difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the
4 death, at 42 years of age, of Deputy David Powell of the Los
5 Angeles County Sheriff's Department who was killed in the line
6 of duty on November 30, 2002, in the City of Artesia while
7 conducting an investigation; and

8 WHEREAS, Deputy Powell faithfully served the residents of
9 Los Angeles County as a patrol deputy; and

10 WHEREAS, Deputy Powell was a resident of Torrance and a
11 graduate of Loyola Marymount University; and

12 WHEREAS, Deputy Powell stated the reason he became a law
13 enforcement officer was to make a positive difference in other
14 people's lives, and as a deputy sheriff, he was praised by his peers,
15 supervisors, and ~~by~~ members of the community for his tireless
16 efforts to guide young people away from drugs and gangs; and

17 WHEREAS, Deputy Powell was awarded the Medal of Valor
18 by the City of Lakewood for saving the life of an individual
19 attempting suicide in the year 2000, and several months prior to
20 his death, Deputy Powell tried desperately to remove critically
21 injured passengers from a burning vehicle and was again honored
22 for his heroic actions with a second Medal of Valor; and

23 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize the hazardous work,
24 serious responsibility, and strong commitment that Deputy Powell
25 willingly accepted during his 19 years as a law enforcement officer;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Deputy Powell is remembered as a passionate
28 loving husband to his wife, Emma; a loving son to his parents, Bill
29 and JoAnn Powell; a caring father to his daughter, Brianna, and
30 stepdaughters, Amanda, Monique, and Alicia; a thoughtful sibling
31 to his brother, John; and a man who committed his life, religious
32 beliefs, and his career to Los Angeles County and the safety of its
33 residents; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the segment
36 of State Highway Route 91 between State Highway *Route* 605 and
37 Pioneer Boulevard, in Los Angeles County, as the Los Angeles
38 County Deputy Sheriff David Powell Memorial Highway; and be
39 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 the
4 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
5 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further
6 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
7 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
8 author for appropriate distribution.

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