

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 164**

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Adopted in Assembly August 30, 2010

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Adopted in Senate August 26, 2010

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This resolution was received by the Secretary of State this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, at \_\_\_\_  
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*Deputy Secretary of State*

## RESOLUTION CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 164—Relative to the Deputy Sheriff Joel B. Wahlenmaier Memorial Highway.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 164, Villines. Deputy Sheriff Joel B. Wahlenmaier Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 168 in Fresno County as the Deputy Sheriff Joel B. Wahlenmaier 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 those costs, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Joel B. Wahlenmaier of the Fresno County Sheriff's Office was killed on February 25, 2010, while in performance of his duties to the citizens he was sworn to protect; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier was born in Bakersfield and raised in Fresno, attending local schools and Reedley College. Upon joining the Fresno County Sheriff's Office in 1998, Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier worked in the Patrol Division and as a detective assigned to the Robbery/Property Crimes and Homicide units. He was also a longtime member of the Sheriff's Search & Rescue Team. Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier was a dedicated officer who served his community and loved his profession; and

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2010, Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier was investigating a felony assault case in the town of Minkler, California, in eastern Fresno County. While Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier was serving a search warrant, the suspect ambushed law enforcement officers with gunfire. Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier suffered gunshot wounds that resulted in his death upon his arrival at Community Regional Medical Center. The subsequent investigation found that the suspect, a 51-year-old Minkler man, was angry with other residents of the town and had

planned to ambush law enforcement officers if they attempted to contact him. The suspect committed suicide during the incident. Reedley Police Officer Javier Bejar was also killed in the gun battle; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier is survived by his loving wife Beverly, and his two children, daughter Amy and son Austin. He is also survived by his parents, Arthur and Patricia Wahlenmaier, his sister Natalie (Wahlenmaier) Tomajan, and brother Tyler Wahlenmaier; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to memorialize Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier's sacrifice by naming a portion of State Highway Route 168 in his honor, and to remember the sacrifices made by California peace officers across the state who risk their lives daily to protect citizens' lives; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes the sacrifice made by Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier to protect the people of California and designates the portion of State Highway Route 168 from the intersection of Dragonfly Lane and Tollhouse Road to Ockenden Ranch Road in Fresno County as the Deputy Sheriff Joel B. Wahlenmaier Memorial Highway; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering 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:

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*Secretary of State*