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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26—Relative to California Peace Officers’ Memorial Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 26, as introduced, Correa. California Peace Officers’ Memorial Day.

This measure would designate Friday, May 8, 2009, as California Peace Officers’ Memorial Day and would urge all Californians to use that day to honor California peace officers.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, May 8, 2009, is California Peace Officers’
2 Memorial Day, a day Californians observe in commemoration of
3 those noble officers who have tragically sacrificed their lives in
4 the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Although California citizens are indebted to our
6 California peace officers each day of the week, we make particular

1 note of their bravery and dedication and we share in their losses
2 on California Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

3 WHEREAS, California peace officers have a job second in
4 importance to none, and it is a job that is as difficult and dangerous
5 as it is important; and

6 WHEREAS, The peace officers of California have worked
7 dutifully and selflessly on behalf of the people of this great state,
8 regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

9 WHEREAS, By the enforcement of our laws, these same officers
10 have safeguarded the lives and property of the citizens of California
11 and have given their full measure to ensure those citizens the right
12 to be free from crime and violence; and

13 WHEREAS, Special ceremonies and observations on behalf of
14 California peace officers provide all Californians with the
15 opportunity to appreciate the heroic men and women who have
16 dedicated their lives to preserving public safety; now, therefore,
17 be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring*, That California's peace officers who were
20 killed in defense of their communities in 2008 be recognized:

21 Officer Randal D. Simmons, Los Angeles Police Department,
22 End of Watch: February 7, 2008

23 Officer Aaron Garcia, Union Pacific Police Department, End of
24 Watch: May 7, 2008

25 Deputy James E. Throne, Kern County Sheriff's Department,
26 End of Watch: May 23, 2008

27 Deputy Jose Antonio "Tony" Diaz, Yolo County Sheriff's
28 Department, End of Watch: June 15, 2008

29 Deputy Juan A. Escalante, Los Angeles County Sheriff's
30 Department, End of Watch: August 2, 2008

31 Sergeant Paul A. Starzyk, Martinez Police Department, End of
32 Watch: September 6, 2008

33 Officer Bradley A. Moody, Richmond Police Department, End
34 of Watch: October 5, 2008

35 Deputy Randy J. Hamson, Los Angeles County Sheriff's
36 Department, End of Watch: October 24, 2008

37 Deputy Lawrence W. Canfield, Sacramento County Sheriff's
38 Department, End of Watch: November 12, 2008

39 Officer Joseph P. Sanders, California Highway Patrol, Santa Fe
40 Springs, End of Watch: December 15, 2008; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That California’s peace officers who were killed in
2 defense of their communities in prior years, but not yet enrolled,
3 also be recognized:
4 Officer George C. Chapman, Sacramento Police Department,
5 End of Watch: April 27, 1858
6 Officer Leonard Harris, Union Pacific Police Department, End
7 of Watch: May 16, 1894
8 Constable Preston V. Swanguen, Riverside County Sheriff’s
9 Department, End of Watch: December 24, 1907
10 Constable Walter Reed, Inyo County Sheriff’s Department, End
11 of Watch: April 14, 1912
12 Deputy Marshal Perman C. Calderwood, Los Angeles Municipal
13 Court, End of Watch: December 22, 1930
14 Deputy David Stout Larimer, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s
15 Department, End of Watch: December 24, 1941
16 Officer George R. Kebort, Union Pacific Police Department,
17 End of Watch: July 8, 1949
18 Deputy William J. Litz, San Bernardino County Sheriff’s
19 Department, End of Watch: May 23, 1959
20 Officer Brice L. Woody, Union Pacific Police Department, End
21 of Watch: July 23, 1965; and be it further
22 *Resolved*, That the Legislature designates Friday, May 8, 2009,
23 as California Peace Officers’ Memorial Day, and urges all
24 Californians to remember those individuals who gave their lives
25 for our safety and express appreciation to those who continue to
26 dedicate themselves to making California a safer place in which
27 to live and raise our families; and be it further
28 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
29 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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