

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 26

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 26, as amended, 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
7 note of their bravery and dedication and we share in their losses
8 on California Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

9 WHEREAS, California peace officers have a job second in
10 importance to none, and it is a job that is as difficult and dangerous
11 as it is important; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Special ceremonies and observations on behalf of
20 California peace officers provide all Californians with the
21 opportunity to appreciate the heroic men and women who have
22 dedicated their lives to preserving public safety; now, therefore,
23 be it

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

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

29 Officer Aaron Garcia, Union Pacific Police Department, End of
30 Watch: May 7, 2008

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

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

1 Deputy Juan A. Escalante, Los Angeles County Sheriff's
2 Department, End of Watch: August 2, 2008
3 Sergeant Paul A. Starzyk, Martinez Police Department, End of
4 Watch: September 6, 2008
5 Officer Bradley A. Moody, Richmond Police Department, End
6 of Watch: October 5, 2008
7 Deputy Randy J. Hamson, Los Angeles County Sheriff's
8 Department, End of Watch: October 24, 2008
9 Deputy Lawrence W. Canfield, Sacramento County Sheriff's
10 Department, End of Watch: November 12, 2008
11 Officer Joseph P. Sanders, California Highway Patrol, Santa Fe
12 Springs, End of Watch: December 15, 2008; and be it further
13 *Resolved*, That California's peace officers who were killed in
14 defense of their communities in prior years, but not yet enrolled,
15 also be recognized:
16 Officer George C. Chapman, Sacramento Police Department,
17 End of Watch: April 27, 1858
18 Officer Leonard Harris, Union Pacific Police Department, End
19 of Watch: May 16, 1894
20 Constable Preston V. Swanguen, Riverside County Sheriff's
21 Department, End of Watch: December 24, 1907
22 Constable Walter Reed, Inyo County Sheriff's Department, End
23 of Watch: April 14, 1912
24 Deputy Marshal Perman C. Calderwood, Los Angeles Municipal
25 Court, End of Watch: December 22, 1930
26 Deputy David Stout Larimer, Los Angeles County Sheriff's
27 Department, End of Watch: December 24, 1941
28 Officer George R. Kebort, Union Pacific Police Department,
29 End of Watch: July 8, 1949
30 Deputy William J. Litz, San Bernardino County Sheriff's
31 Department, End of Watch: May 23, 1959
32 Officer Brice L. Woody, Union Pacific Police Department, End
33 of Watch: July 23, 1965; and be it further
34 *Resolved*, That the Legislature designates Friday, May 8, 2009,
35 as California Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and urges all
36 Californians to remember those individuals who gave their lives
37 for our safety and express appreciation to those who continue to
38 dedicate themselves to making California a safer place in which
39 to live and raise our families; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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