

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 21

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 26, 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.

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

WHEREAS, Although California citizens are indebted to our California peace officers each day of the week, we make particular note of their bravery and dedication and we share in their losses on California Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deputy Jose Antonio “Tony” Diaz, Yolo County Sheriff’s Department,
End of Watch: June 15, 2008

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That California’s peace officers who were killed in defense of
their communities in prior years, but not yet enrolled, also be recognized:

Officer George C. Chapman, Sacramento Police Department, End of
Watch: April 27, 1858

Officer Leonard Harris, Union Pacific Police Department, End of Watch:
May 16, 1894

Constable Preston V. Swanguen, Riverside County Sheriff’s Department,
End of Watch: December 24, 1907

Constable Walter Reed, Inyo County Sheriff’s Department, End of Watch:
April 14, 1912

Deputy Marshal Perman C. Calderwood, Los Angeles Municipal Court,
End of Watch: December 22, 1930

Deputy David Stout Larimer, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department,
End of Watch: December 24, 1941

Officer George R. Kebort, Union Pacific Police Department, End of
Watch: July 8, 1949

Deputy William J. Litz, San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department,
End of Watch: May 23, 1959

Officer Brice L. Woody, Union Pacific Police Department, End of Watch:
July 23, 1965; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature designates Friday, May 8, 2009, as
California Peace Officers’ Memorial Day, and urges all Californians to
remember those individuals who gave their lives for our safety and express
appreciation to those who continue to dedicate themselves to making
California a safer place in which to live and raise our families; and be it
further

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