

**Introduced by Senator Runner**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Knight)

February 9, 2010

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 69—Relative to the CHP Officer Richard D. Duvall Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 69, as introduced, Runner. CHP Officer Richard D. Duvall Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 15 in the city of Victorville as the CHP Officer Richard D. Duvall Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, February 23, 2010, marks the 50th anniversary of
- 2 the tragic death of California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer
- 3 Richard D. Duvall; and
- 4 WHEREAS, On that date in 1960, on a remote stretch of what
- 5 was then United States Highway Route 66, Officer Duvall was
- 6 shot and killed during a routine traffic stop by an escaped convict
- 7 from the California State Prison at San Quentin who, unbeknownst
- 8 to Officer Duvall, had also just fled the scene of a robbery; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Officer Duvall faithfully served the people of
- 10 California and we take this opportunity to look back on his life
- 11 and to pay special tribute to his bravery; and

1 WHEREAS, Born on June 19, 1933, in San Leandro, Officer  
2 Duvall was a football star in high school and served two years in  
3 the United States Marine Corps; and

4 WHEREAS, After that service, Officer Duvall attended  
5 Armstrong College of Business; and

6 WHEREAS, Married in September of 1957 in San Leandro to  
7 his wife Gwenellen, Officer Duvall then attended the CHP  
8 Academy and took his first assignment at the Victorville substation;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Duvall served with the CHP in Victorville  
11 for two years prior to his tragic death; and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Duvall was survived by his wife,  
13 Gwenellen, who was pregnant at the time, and his daughter,  
14 Deanne, who was 20 months old; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Duvall is now survived by his children  
16 Deanne Lynne Duvall and Richard Don Duvall. The State of  
17 California is indebted to them for his service and sacrifice; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Duvall's death is a reminder of the dangers  
19 that our men and women in uniform face on a daily basis, and his  
20 sacrifice for the people of the State of California should not be  
21 forgotten; and

22 WHEREAS, For these reasons, we wish to thank Officer Duvall  
23 and his family for their sacrifices, and to honor all of the fallen  
24 men and women who have faithfully served and executed the laws  
25 of the State of California; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
27 *thereof concurring*, That the portion of State Highway Route 15  
28 (formerly known as Route 66) in the City of Victorville between  
29 the exit of D Street and the State Highway Route 395 interchange  
30 is hereby designated as the CHP Officer Richard D. Duvall  
31 Memorial Highway; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
33 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the  
34 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this  
35 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
36 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
37 further

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

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