

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 37

Introduced by Assembly Member Conway

March 14, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 37—Relative to the CHP Officer Justin W. McGrory Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 37, as introduced, Conway. CHP Officer Justin W. McGrory Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 15 in the County of San Bernardino as the CHP Officer Justin W. McGrory Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation 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, Justin Wayne McGrory was born June 4, 1982, in
- 2 Beaufort, South Carolina; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Justin graduated from Silverado High School in
- 4 Victorville, California, in 2000 and attended American River
- 5 College in Sacramento, California; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol
- 7 (CHP), Mr. McGrory served in the United States Air Force in Little
- 8 Rock, Arkansas. Upon discharge, he joined the Air Force Reserves
- 9 at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California, and was activated
- 10 for a four-month tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2007, CHP Officer Justin Wayne McGrory,
2 badge number 18606, graduated from the CHP Academy and was
3 assigned to the Baldwin Park Area Office; and

4 WHEREAS, After 18 months, Officer McGrory was voluntarily
5 transferred to the Barstow Area where he spent the remainder of
6 his career; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer McGrory had only been a CHP Officer for
8 a few years and did not have any collateral duties; however,
9 because of his exceptional skills as a CHP Officer, he was
10 scheduled to attend a field training evaluation program class to
11 become a field training officer to train new cadets. This class took
12 place shortly after his death; and

13 WHEREAS, On July 15, 2008, Justin married his best friend,
14 Kelly, and had four wonderful children: Erin (born October 5,
15 2003), Cade (born July 7, 2005), Liam (born April 20, 2009), and
16 Kaci (born July 20, 2010); and

17 WHEREAS, On June 27, 2010, at approximately 3:38 a.m.,
18 Officer McGrory was issuing a field sobriety test on the shoulder
19 of the I-15 freeway when a red Pontiac G6 veered onto the shoulder
20 and struck him; and

21 WHEREAS, Officer McGrory's partner broadcasted an 11-99
22 (officer down) and immediately began CPR. Two other CHP
23 officers and a sergeant arrived on the scene minutes later and
24 assisted with CPR; and

25 WHEREAS, Officer McGrory was airlifted to Saint Mary's
26 Regional Medical Center in Apple Valley, California, but
27 unfortunately succumbed to his injuries at approximately 4:55
28 a.m.; and

29 WHEREAS, Officer McGrory loved spending time with his
30 family and friends and enjoyed watching UFC fights, the cooking
31 channel, and classic movies, and reciting scenes from classic
32 mobster movies, reading Yahoo News, and instigating fights (all
33 in fun of course). He is admired for his sense of humor, his ability
34 to "write a citation without managing to ruin the violator's day,"
35 devotion to his family and career, confidence, charm, poise, and
36 for being an all around great man; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
38 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates a
39 portion of State Highway Route 15 northbound from milepost
40 marker 58.00 to 61.00 to southbound milepost marker 61.00 to

1 58.00 between Wild Rash Road and Hodge Road in the County
2 of San Bernardino as the CHP Officer Justin W. McGrory
3 Memorial Highway; and be it further

4 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
5 to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
6 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
7 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations
8 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
9 be it further

10 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
11 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
12 author for appropriate distribution.

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