

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 39**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nielsen**

March 21, 2011

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 39—Relative to Deputy Dennis “Skip” Sullivan Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 39, as introduced, Nielsen. Deputy Dennis “Skip” Sullivan Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the Bear Creek Bridge in Shasta County the Deputy Dennis “Skip” Sullivan Memorial Bridge.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Dennis “Skip” Sullivan, of the  
2 Shasta County Sheriff’s Office, was killed in a traffic collision on  
3 Highway 44, on October 10, 1987, while on his way to negotiate  
4 with a reportedly armed woman barricaded in a Mountain Gate  
5 home. Deputy Sullivan had been performing duties as a dedicated  
6 member of the Sheriff’s Office Hostage Negotiation Team for four  
7 years; and  
8 WHEREAS, Deputy Sullivan served 11 years with the South  
9 San Francisco Police Department, where as a sergeant he  
10 supervised the operations division and the community relations  
11 and crime prevention programs. Deputy Sullivan continued to  
12 exemplify professional commitment and leadership during his  
13 assignment by designing and implementing the South San  
14 Francisco Police Department’s field training program; and

1 WHEREAS, Continuing his tradition of honorable and faithful  
2 service in law enforcement, in 1981, Deputy Sullivan joined the  
3 Shasta County Sheriff’s Office. He served first as a resident deputy  
4 sheriff in the Shingletown area of Shasta County and then as a  
5 patrol deputy sheriff at the Palo Cedro substation; and

6 WHEREAS, Deputy Sullivan, who was 41 years of age when  
7 he died, was survived by a son and two daughters. Deputy Sullivan  
8 was an avid fisherman and hunter who loved the Shasta County  
9 area and the people; and

10 WHEREAS, Deputy Sullivan was killed when his vehicle  
11 collided with a semitruck on Highway 44 east of Shingletown. As  
12 Deputy Sullivan was responding to the report of shots fired,  
13 heading west near Inwood Road, the trailer of an eastbound truck  
14 tipped over onto his small pickup. Witnesses report that Deputy  
15 Sullivan tried to avoid the trailer by moving to the extreme right  
16 of the road. The impact of the collision sheared off the top of the  
17 pickup and forced the pickup off the highway onto the north side  
18 of Highway 44; and

19 WHEREAS, Bear Creek Bridge in Shasta County is located on  
20 the portion of Highway 44 between post mile R14.445 (facing  
21 westbound) and post mile R14.489 (facing eastbound); now,  
22 therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
24 *thereof concurring*, That Bear Creek Bridge in Shasta County be  
25 officially named the Deputy Dennis “Skip” Sullivan Memorial  
26 Bridge; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
28 to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent  
29 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
30 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations  
31 from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those  
32 plaques and markers; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
34 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
35 for appropriate distribution.

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