

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 70

Introduced by Assembly Member Smyth

June 16, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 70—Relative to the CHP Officers Gayle W. Wood, Jr. and James E. McCabe Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 70, as introduced, Smyth. CHP Officers Gayle W. Wood, Jr. and James E. McCabe Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 5 in the County of Los Angeles as the CHP Officers Gayle W. Wood, Jr. and James E. McCabe Memorial Highway. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Californians are indebted every day to our officers,
- 2 and we pay special tribute to their bravery and dedication; and
- 3 WHEREAS, On September 1, 1978, the state suffered a tragic
- 4 loss when California Highway Patrol (CHP) officers Gayle W.
- 5 Wood, Jr. and James Edward McCabe made the ultimate sacrifice
- 6 while performing their sworn duty, and in recognition of their
- 7 sacrifice, we pause to honor these fallen heroes by recalling their
- 8 devotion, celebrating their lives, and honoring their service; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Gayle Wesley Wood, Jr. was born March
2 26, 1937, to Gayle and Dorothy Wood, in Barstow, California;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Wood had three siblings, David, Carroll,
5 and Darrell; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Wood graduated from Glendale High
7 School in 1954, and attended Life Pacific College; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Wood was employed by the Huntington
9 Beach Police Department as a car and motorcycle driver prior to
10 becoming a CHP officer; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Wood was married to his best friend, Ilene,
12 on October 1, 1965, and had five wonderful children, Tamara on
13 December 17, 1959, Tonya on June 1, 1961, Roy on January 2,
14 1967, Jennifer on July 30, 1968, and Ruth on June 10, 1971; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Wood, graduated from the CHP Academy
16 in 1969 and was president of his class, and upon graduation he
17 was assigned to the Santa Ana Area Office; and

18 WHEREAS, After approximately one year with that office, CHP
19 Officer Wood was transferred to the South Los Angeles Area and
20 was assigned to motorcycle duty until being transferred to the Van
21 Nuys Airport in 1973 as a helicopter pilot, where he spent the
22 remainder of his career; and

23 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Wood was admired for his
24 commitment to his family, friends, and God and for his dedication
25 to helping others; on each of his family vacations he would help
26 someone in need, including helping a stranger pull a vehicle out
27 of the mud using his camper; and

28 WHEREAS, In his spare time, CHP Officer Wood enjoyed
29 flying a single engine plane, church activities, playing the guitar,
30 and singing to his family; and

31 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Wood is survived by his mother,
32 brothers David and Carroll, wife, children, and 11 grandchildren:
33 Wesley, Abigayle, Faith, Grace, Daniel, Stefanie, Kristofer, Erin,
34 Andrew, Mathew, and Gayle; and

35 WHEREAS, Officer James Edward McCabe was born July 8,
36 1944, to Bud and Ruth McCabe in Los Angeles, California; and

37 WHEREAS, Officer McCabe had four siblings, Martha, Marge,
38 Jerry, and Christy; and

39 WHEREAS, Officer McCabe graduated from Don Bosco High
40 School in 1962, and continued his education by attending California

1 State University, Los Angeles, where he graduated with a Bachelor
2 of Science Degree in Police Science and Administration in 1974;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the CHP, Officer McCabe earned
5 his helicopter license and joined the army, where he served in the
6 Air Operations Division in Vietnam; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer McCabe graduated from the CHP Academy
8 in 1971 and was assigned to the West Los Angeles Area Office,
9 where he earned his emergency medical technician and paramedic
10 certificates; and

11 WHEREAS, He was subsequently transferred to the Malibu
12 Area Office, back to the West Los Angeles Area Office, and finally
13 to the Van Nuys Airport for Air Operations, where he spent the
14 remainder of his career; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer McCabe was married to his best friend,
16 Lyn, in May 1974, and had one child, Stacey born August 28,
17 1966; and

18 WHEREAS, During his tenure with the CHP, Officer McCabe
19 became a Fixed Wing Pilot and purchased a puddle jumper; and

20 WHEREAS, CHP Officer McCabe was admired for his
21 dedication to his family, friends, and the CHP, and no task was
22 ever too small or too large for him; he viewed every task as an
23 opportunity to accomplish a goal; and

24 WHEREAS, In his spare time, CHP Officer McCabe enjoyed
25 flying his plane and taking the family on ski vacations and water
26 skiing and surfing vacations; and

27 WHEREAS, CHP Officer McCabe is survived by his siblings,
28 wife, stepdaughter, and twin grandchildren, Tyler James and Grant
29 Marcus; and

30 WHEREAS, In recognition of Officers Wood's and McCabe's
31 great contributions and sacrifice in service of the California
32 Highway Patrol and the citizens of California, it would be a fitting
33 tribute to designate a portion of State Highway Route 5 in the
34 County of Los Angeles as the CHP Officers Gayle W. Wood, Jr.
35 and James E. McCabe Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
38 portion of State Highway Route 5 between Palomas Wash Bridge
39 milepost marker 60.51 and Templin Highway milepost marker
40 65.07 in the County of Los Angeles as the CHP Officers Gayle

1 W. Wood, Jr. and James E. McCabe Memorial Highway; and be
2 it further

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

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

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