

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 75

Introduced by Assembly Member Nielsen
(Principal coauthor: Senator La Malfa)

July 6, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 75—Relative to the CHP Officer Charles T. Smith Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 75, as introduced, Nielsen. CHP Officer Charles T. Smith Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 5 in the County of Glenn as the CHP Officer Charles T. Smith 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, Officer Charles Taylor Smith was born April 9,
- 2 1928, in Denison, Texas, and had four siblings, Tom, William,
- 3 Virginia, and Vickie; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Officer Smith graduated from Armijo High School
- 5 in Fairfield, California, and joined the United States Marine Corps
- 6 shortly thereafter; and
- 7 WHEREAS, After two years in the United States Marine Corps,
- 8 and after achieving the rank of officer, Charles Smith married his
- 9 best friend, Juanita (Jae), on November 15, 1948, and had two

1 wonderful children, Terry, born September 6, 1949, and Toni, born
2 July 29, 1956; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Smith graduated from the California
4 Highway Patrol Academy in 1952, and, upon graduation, was
5 assigned to the El Centro Area; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Smith was killed in the line of duty on
7 September 9, 1956, during what appeared to be a routine traffic
8 stop for a speeding violation; and

9 WHEREAS, Both occupants of the vehicle were absent without
10 leave from the United States Marine Corps and were on a crime
11 spree; and

12 WHEREAS, While he was frisking the driver of the vehicle,
13 the passenger shot Officer Smith three times in the back; and

14 WHEREAS, Despite being fatally wounded, Officer Smith
15 returned fire and fatally shot both suspects; and

16 WHEREAS, Officer Smith was a hard-working, dedicated
17 officer who loved his job, enjoyed the people he worked with, and,
18 in his spare time, loved to fish and hunt; and

19 WHEREAS, Officer Smith was a proud husband and father and
20 dedicated his time to protecting those he loved; and

21 WHEREAS, Officer Smith is survived by his wife, daughter,
22 siblings, and two grandchildren, Michelle, born February 22, 1974,
23 and Nicole, born March 30, 1978; and

24 WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Smith's great
25 contributions and sacrifice in service of the California Highway
26 Patrol and the citizens of California, it would be a fitting tribute
27 to designate a portion of State Highway Route 5 in the County of
28 Glenn as the CHP Officer Charles T. Smith Memorial Highway;
29 now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
32 portion of State Highway Route 5 between County Road 25 and
33 County Road 7, in the County of Glenn, as the CHP Officer Charles
34 T. Smith Memorial Highway; and be it further

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

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
- 3 author for appropriate distribution.

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