

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 117

Introduced by Assembly Member Achadjian

February 24, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 117—Relative to the California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 117, as introduced, Achadjian. The California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchanges.

This measure would designate each of the Eastbound and Westbound interchanges at State Highway Route 101 and State Highway Route 46 in the City of Pasa Robles as the California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchange. 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 Brett James Oswald was born February
- 2 21, 1962, to his parents Richard and Linda Oswald, in San Rafael,
- 3 California; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald graduated from Sam Barlow High
- 5 School in Gresham, Oregon in 1980, received his associates degree
- 6 from Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas in 1991, and
- 7 furthered his education by completing courses at Rio Hondo
- 8 Community College in Whittier, California, and Cuesta College,
- 9 San Luis Obispo, California; and

1 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol,
2 Officer Oswald held several jobs, including film development,
3 fabricating counter tops, custodial work for a local junior high
4 school, military, and even assisting with his family's business; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald could not have been happier in
6 marrying his best friend, Marlena Palazzo, on July 19, 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald, badge number 13164, graduated
8 from the California Highway Patrol Academy in 1990 as a flight
9 officer, and was assigned to the Santa Fe Springs Area Office; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald subsequently served as a traffic
11 officer in the King City Area Office, a flight officer in the Paso
12 Robles Coastal Division Air Operations Office, and a traffic officer
13 in the Templeton Area Office; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald proudly served a total of 20 years
15 and one month as a California Highway Patrol Officer; and

16 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald was killed in the line of duty on
17 June 27, 2010, in Paso Robles, California, when he was struck by
18 a vehicle while waiting for a tow truck on the side of the road. He
19 responded to a report that a vehicle had hit a tree on South River
20 Road in Paso Robles. After investigating, Officer Oswald
21 determined that no accident had occurred and that the vehicle was
22 abandoned. He called for a tow truck and was waiting next to his
23 patrol car, when a passing vehicle crossed the double yellow lines
24 and struck the patrol car. The force of the impact pushed the patrol
25 car into him; and

26 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald was transported to a local hospital
27 where he later died from his injuries; and

28 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald was a hard working, dedicated
29 officer who loved his job and enjoyed his colleagues. He was
30 known as a loyal family man who loved his wife dearly. Officer
31 Oswald had an incredible sense of humor and zest for life. He was
32 always smiling and happy, and saw the beauty in everything; and

33 WHEREAS, In his spare time, Officer Oswald enjoyed reading,
34 photography, making people laugh, working on his property, and
35 a good cigar from time to time. Above all else, Officer Oswald
36 enjoyed spending time with his family; and

37 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald is survived by his loving wife,
38 Marlena, his mother, Linda, father, Richard, sisters, Tricia and
39 Trinda, brother-in-law, Ricky, nephew, Christopher, and nieces,
40 Kelly and Kerri; and

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Oswald's great
2 contributions and sacrifice in serving the California Highway Patrol
3 and the citizens of California, it would be a fitting tribute to
4 designate each of the Eastbound and Westbound interchanges at
5 State Highway Route 101 and State Highway Route 46 in the City
6 of Pasa Robles as the California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J.
7 Oswald Memorial Interchange; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
9 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates each
10 of the Eastbound and Westbound interchanges at State Highway
11 Route 101 and State Highway Route 46 in the City of Pasa Robles
12 as the California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial
13 Interchange; and be it further

14 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
15 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
16 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
17 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
18 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
19 further

20 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
21 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
22 author for appropriate distribution.