

Introduced by Senator Anderson

March 30, 2011

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30—Relative to the CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 30, as introduced, Anderson. CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 15 in the County of San Diego as the CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides 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, CHP Officer Daniel Nava Benavides was born on
- 2 November 27, 1970, in Monterrey, Mexico. His mother, Consuelo,
- 3 a resident of San Jose, California, went to Mexico to be with family
- 4 for the birth and shortly there after returned to San Jose; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Officer Benavides graduated from Andrew Hill
- 6 High School in San Jose in 1989 and attended Cuesta College in
- 7 San Luis Obispo; and
- 8 WHEREAS, In 1997, Officer Benavides, badge number 15193,
- 9 graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy as a pilot
- 10 officer and was assigned to the Monterey area; and
- 11 WHEREAS, After 33 months of service in the Monterey area,
- 12 Officer Benavides served in San Jose from 1999 to 2000, in San
- 13 Diego from 2000 to 2003, in Oceanside from 2003 to 2005, and

1 in the Border Division Thermal Air Operations Unit from 2005 to
2 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Benavides was married to his best friend,
4 Megan Stanton, in 2000 and their beautiful daughter, Madeline
5 Christine, was born later that year; and

6 WHEREAS, On May 7, 2010, Officer Benavides began his shift
7 at 7:30 a.m. working speed enforcement for the air operations unit;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately two hours later, Officer Benavides
10 was in route to State Highway Route 8 to work speed enforcement
11 in the El Centro area, when his Cessna 206 airplane crashed in a
12 remote area of the Anza-Borrego Desert in Borrego Springs,
13 California; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Benavides is survived by his wife, Megan,
15 their daughter, Madeline, his mother, Consuelo, and stepfather
16 Forrest Hilton; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Benavides was a hard-working, dedicated
18 officer who loved his job and enjoyed the people he worked with.
19 He was known for being a loyal family man and a wonderful father
20 and husband. His greatest joys were his wife and daughter and
21 spending time with friends and family. He had an incredible sense
22 of humor and a keen sense of knowledge of music and computers.
23 In his spare time, Officer Benavides enjoyed camping, scuba
24 diving, barbecuing, and anything to do with sports; and

25 WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Benavides's great
26 contributions, service, and sacrifice in service of the California
27 Highway Patrol and the citizens of California, it would be a fitting
28 tribute to designate a portion of State Highway Route 15 in the
29 County of San Diego as the CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides
30 Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
33 portion of State Highway Route 15 between milepost marker 15
34 SD 40.842 and milepost marker 15 SD 54.070 in the County of
35 San Diego as the CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides Memorial
36 Highway; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
38 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
39 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
40 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate

1 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
2 further
3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
4 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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