

Introduced by Senator Vargas

June 23, 2011

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 52—Relative to the Jaime Obeso Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 52, as introduced, Vargas. Jaime Obeso Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 8 in the City of El Centro as the Jaime Obeso Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Jaime Garcia Obeso, of the City of Imperial, passed
- 2 away on June 7, 2011, when he was struck by an errant motorist
- 3 while working on a stretch of State Highway Route 8 near the
- 4 Sunbeam Rest Area for the Department of Transportation
- 5 (Caltrans); and
- 6 WHEREAS, Jaime Obeso was born to Gregorio and Magdalena
- 7 Obeso on January 25, 1958, in El Centro, California; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Jaime Obeso attended Ben Hulse Elementary,
- 9 Frank Wright Junior High, and Imperial High School. While at
- 10 Imperial High School, he excelled in football and track, holding
- 11 records in pole vault, and 4x100 relay; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Jaime Obeso grew up in the City of Imperial
- 13 gaining many friends throughout his life; and

1 WHEREAS, Jaime Obeso married Maria Elena Sanchez on
2 September 1, 1978, his sweetheart since the 6th grade when they
3 met. Jaime and Maria Elena were best friends and the loves of
4 each other's lives. They were happily married 32 years this year;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Jaime Obeso worked for H.E. Wiggins and Sons
7 for many years and later gained employment with Caltrans. He
8 was known as a hard working employee and he received many
9 awards during his service with Caltrans. His last promotion was
10 as a Leadworker with the El Centro Travelway Crew; and

11 WHEREAS, Jaime Obeso was well known in the community
12 and was always there to help his friends and family; and

13 WHEREAS, Jaime Obeso's hobbies included working on air
14 conditioners, his new jeep, fishing, finding a deal at the swap meet,
15 browsing eBay for the latest deals, and spending time with his
16 grandchildren and family; and

17 WHEREAS, Jaime Obeso loved his family and grandchildren
18 very much. He will be remembered for making breakfast for his
19 grandchildren every Sunday morning and for being quick to aid
20 his friends and family whenever they needed him; and

21 WHEREAS, Jaime Obeso had a great sense of humor. He was
22 always joking and teasing his friends and family; and

23 WHEREAS, Jaime Obeso was preceded in death by his father,
24 Gregorio Daniel Obeso; and

25 WHEREAS, Jaime Obeso is survived by the love of his life of
26 32 years, Maria Elena Sanchez Obeso of Imperial, CA; daughter,
27 Ida Obeso; son Jaime Obeso Jr. and his wife, Priscilla Escalanti
28 Obeso; grandchildren, Gianna Alyssa Navarro, Ricardo "Richie"
29 Antonio Navarro, Jaime Gregorio Obeso, Nicholas Edward
30 Navarro, Audrina Kyana Obeso, and to be born in August, Julian
31 Albert Obeso; mother, Magdalena Obeso; brothers and sisters,
32 David Obeso, Arturo Obeso, Carmen Obeso-Garcia, Daniel Obeso,
33 and Gloria Obeso-Levy; and sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and
34 numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and loved ones; and

35 WHEREAS, Even though Jaime Obeso is no longer with us, he
36 will be watching over us every day and will always be remembered
37 in our memories and hearts; now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
39 *thereof concurring*, That in honor of the commitment of Jaime
40 Obeso, who died in the line of duty, the Legislature hereby

1 designates the one-fourth mile before the Sunbeam Rest Area and
2 the one-fourth mile after the Sunbeam Rest Area six miles west
3 of El Centro on State Highway Route 8 as the Jaime Obeso
4 Memorial Highway; and be it further

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

10 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
12 author for appropriate distribution.

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