

Introduced by Senator Evans
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 53—Relative to the CHP Officer Paul C. Jarske Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 53, as introduced, Evans. CHP Officer Paul C. Jarske Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 101 in the County of Mendocino as the CHP Officer Paul C. Jarske Memorial Highway. The 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 that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Officer Paul Clyde Jarske was born December 15,
2 1934, to Andrew and Mona Jarske, in Hankinson, North Dakota;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, Officer Jarske graduated from Hankinson High
5 School in 1952 and joined the United States Air Force shortly
6 thereafter; and
7 WHEREAS, Officer Jarske was married to his best friend,
8 Nancy, on September 27, 1957, and had two wonderful children,
9 Michael, born on June 27, 1958, and Andrea, born on May 9, 1960;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, After an honorable discharge from the United States
12 Air Force in 1963, Officer Jarske joined the California Department

1 of Corrections at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville until
2 his induction into the California Highway Patrol in 1964; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Jarske graduated from the California
4 Highway Patrol Academy in 1964 and, upon graduation, was
5 assigned to the Norwalk (Santa Fe Springs) area for approximately
6 two years before being transferred to the Concord area, where he
7 served five years, the Golden Gate Division, where he served seven
8 years, and finally the Laytonville Resident Post Garberville area,
9 where he spent the remainder of his career; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout that time, Officer Jarske held several
11 titles, including motor officer, front desk officer, and member of
12 the auto theft unit; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Jarske, badge number 3493, was killed in
14 the line of duty on February 24, 1981, when his patrol car veered
15 off the road due to severe weather conditions and plummeted 100
16 feet before finally coming to rest underwater; and

17 WHEREAS, An innocent bystander attempted to save Officer
18 Jarske's life and held his head above water until help arrived;
19 however, he succumbed to his injuries at Howard Memorial
20 Hospital; and

21 WHEREAS, Officer Jarske is survived by his wife, Nancy, son,
22 Michael, daughter, Andrea, two grandchildren, Paul, born on
23 December 26, 2000, and Michelle, born on November 18, 2002,
24 and his sister, Joyce; and

25 WHEREAS, Officer Jarske was a hardworking, dedicated officer
26 who had the physical strength and mental ability to do his job. He
27 was both feared and respected, but was one of the most
28 tenderhearted people around; and

29 WHEREAS, He was known for being an honest, loyal man with
30 high morals and a great sense of humor and was deeply in love
31 with his wife; and

32 WHEREAS, In his spare time, Officer Jarske enjoyed hunting,
33 fishing, anything to do with the outdoors, reading western novels,
34 and watching football; and

35 WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Jarske's great
36 contributions and sacrifice in service of the California Highway
37 Patrol and the citizens of California, it would be a fitting tribute
38 to designate a portion of State Highway Route 101 in the County
39 of Mendocino as the CHP Officer Paul C. Jarske Memorial
40 Highway; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
3 portion of State Highway Route 101 between Branscomb Road,
4 milepost marker 69.50, and milepost marker 74.50, in the County
5 of Mendocino as the CHP Officer Paul C. Jarske Memorial
6 Highway; and be it further

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

13 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
14 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
15 author for appropriate distribution.