

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 86

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 48

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 86—Relative to the California Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 86, Correa. California Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

This measure would designate Monday, May 7, 2012, as California Peace Officers' Memorial Day, urge all Californians to use that day to honor California peace officers, and recognize specified California peace officers who were killed in defense of their communities.

WHEREAS, Monday, May 7, 2012, is California Peace Officers' Memorial Day, a day Californians observe in commemoration of those noble officers who have tragically sacrificed their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Although the people of this state are indebted to our California peace officers each day of the week, we make particular note of their bravery and dedication and we share in their losses on California Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, California peace officers have a job second in importance to none, and it is a job that is as difficult and dangerous as it is important; and

WHEREAS, The peace officers of California have worked dutifully and selflessly on behalf of the people of this great state, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

WHEREAS, By the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have safeguarded the lives and property of the people of this state and have given their full measure to ensure Californians the right to be free from crime and violence; and

WHEREAS, Special ceremonies and observations on behalf of California peace officers provide all Californians with the opportunity to appreciate the heroic men and women who have dedicated their lives to preserving public safety; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That California's peace officers who were killed in defense of their communities in 2011 be recognized:

Officer Thomas R. Adams, California Highway Patrol, Garberville, End of Watch: February 15, 2011

Officer Jermaine A. Gibson, Sr., Cathedral City Police Department, End of Watch: March 19, 2011

Officer Andrew S. Garton, Hawthorne Police Department, End of Watch: May 26, 2011

Officer Daniel R. Ackerman, Buena Park Police Department, End of Watch: July 30, 2011

Officer Ryan E. Stringer, Alhambra Police Department, End of Watch: July 10, 2011

Officer Jeremy N. Henwood, San Diego Police Department, End of Watch: August 7, 2011

Officer James L. Capoot, Vallejo Police Department, End of Watch: November 17, 2011

Officer Anthony A. Giniewicz, Signal Hill Police Department, End of Watch: December 7, 2011; and be it further

Resolved, That California's peace officers who were killed in defense of their communities in prior years, but not yet enrolled, also be recognized:

Deputy Charlene M. Rottler, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, End of Watch: January 3, 2010

Constable John Sheldon, Sonora Police Department, End of Watch: April 29, 1855

Constable James A. Greenlee, Shasta County Sheriff's Department, End of Watch: May 27, 1885

Constable James D. Campbell, Shasta County Sheriff's Department, End of Watch: December 26, 1895

Constable Charles H. Cummins, Shasta County Sheriff's Department, End of Watch: June 4, 1902

Constable John (Jack) Hewitt, Shasta County Sheriff's Department, End of Watch: May 8, 1907

Special Agent Patrick T. Dillon, California Department of Justice, End of Watch: April 14, 2007

Patrolman Edward W. Shay, Union Pacific Railroad Police, End of Watch: July 13, 1909

Marshal William P. Rice, Winters Police Department, End of Watch: October 18, 1912

Sergeant John A. Aguilar, Santa Ana Police Department, End of Watch: June 30, 1998; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature hereby designates Monday, May 7, 2012, as California Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and urges all Californians to remember those individuals who gave their lives for our safety and express appreciation to those who continue to dedicate themselves to making California a safer place in which to live and raise our families; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.