

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 62

Introduced by Assembly Member Ian Calderon

May 31, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 62—Relative to the Detectives Mike Lane and John Pierce Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 62, as introduced, Ian Calderon. The Detectives Mike Lane and John Pierce Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Route 72 as the Detectives Mike Lane and John Pierce Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation 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, Detective Mike Lane graduated from Loara High
2 School, Anaheim, and joined the Whittier Police Department on
3 January 22, 1968, as a cadet, attaining the position of police officer
4 on May 23, 1969; and
5 WHEREAS, In 1973, Detective Lane was assigned to the
6 Whittier Police Department's Detective Division, Criminal Tactical
7 Unit, and Major Crime Investigations; and
8 WHEREAS, Detective Lane was also member of the Southeast
9 Burglary Investigation Team from its inception in April 1975, until
10 March 4, 1977, when he became a detective in the Whittier Police
11 Department's Investigative Division, Narcotics Detail; and

1 WHEREAS, On December 13, 1979, Detective Lane was
2 working undercover on a motorcycle theft investigation when he
3 was attempting to buy back a stolen motorcycle from a local outlaw
4 motorcycle gang when he was confronted by the suspects while
5 still in his vehicle. Shots were exchanged and he sustained fatal
6 injuries; and

7 WHEREAS, Detective John Pierce attended and graduated from
8 El Rancho High School and Fullerton City College; and

9 WHEREAS, After a stint in the California National Guard,
10 Detective Pierce joined the Whittier Police Department on October
11 2, 1967, as a uniformed patrol officer, and in the early 1970s, he
12 served as a liaison officer in the Whittier Police Explorer Post;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In 1973, Detective Pierce was promoted to the
15 Whittier Police Department's Investigative Division, assigned to
16 narcotics and vice, and later served on the Whittier Police
17 Department's SWAT Team; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1976, Detective Pierce attained the rank of agent.
19 Detective Pierce also served as a training officer in the Whittier
20 Police Department's Investigative Division; and

21 WHEREAS, In April 1977, Detective Pierce was named the
22 "California Outstanding Narcotics Officer" by the We Tip
23 organization; and

24 WHEREAS, On September 21, 1976, while working an
25 undercover investigation regarding the sale of narcotics, Detective
26 Pierce was assaulted by two subjects and sustained serious injuries.
27 These injuries left him paralyzed from the neck down and
28 ultimately resulted in his death on May 18, 1977; and

29 WHEREAS, These two heroic police officers, who were killed
30 in the line of duty while protecting the community against
31 dangerous criminals, will never be forgotten; and

32 WHEREAS, Although the Whittier Police Department has lost
33 only these two officers in its 94-year history, and the wounds of
34 these losses have healed over time, the significance of their
35 sacrifices lives on; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the*
38 *portion of State Route 72 from the western entrance to State Route*
39 *72 at the intersection of Norwalk and Whittier Boulevards to the*
40 *eastern entrance of State Route 72 at the intersection of Valley*

1 Home Avenue and Whittier Boulevard as the Detectives Mike
2 Lane and John Pierce Memorial Highway to honor these two brave
3 police officers who were killed in the line of duty and requests
4 that a sign be placed at each of these entrances that displays this
5 designation; and be it further

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

12 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
13 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
14 for appropriate distribution.

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