

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 157

Introduced by Assembly Members Patterson and Perea

June 2, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 157—Relative to the CHP Officers Brian Law and Juan Gonzalez Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 157, as introduced, Patterson. The CHP Officers Brian Law and Juan Gonzalez Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 99 from the Fresno/Tulare County line to the Mountain View Avenue Overcrossing in the County of Fresno as the CHP Officers Brian Law and Juan Gonzalez 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, CHP Officer Brian Mitchio Law was born on July
2 2, 1979, in Redwood City, California; and
3 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol,
4 Officer Law served for five years and three months in the United
5 States Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Sergeant, and the United
6 States Air Force, in which he obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant;
7 and
8 WHEREAS, Officer Law, badge number 18896, graduated from
9 the California Highway Patrol Academy on April 18, 2008 and,
10 upon graduation, was assigned to the Oakland Area, where he

1 served for almost five years before being transferred to Fresno
2 Area 435; and

3 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Juan Jaime Gonzalez was born on
4 February 10, 1981, in Visalia, California; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez, badge number 18935, graduated
6 from the California Highway Patrol Academy on April 18, 2008
7 and, upon graduation, was assigned to the San Jose Area, where
8 he served for more than two years before being transferred to the
9 Fresno Area; and

10 WHEREAS, Officers Law and Gonzalez were classmates at the
11 CHP Academy, partners, and good friends; and

12 WHEREAS, On February 17, 2014, the state suffered a tragic
13 loss when CHP Officers Brian Law and Juan Gonzalez were killed
14 in an accident while responding to an emergency call, thereby
15 making the ultimate sacrifice while performing their sworn duty;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Law is survived by his wife, Rebecca Ann,
18 daughter, Samantha (age 2), son, Brandon (age 9), and
19 step-daughter, Lauren Lajara (age 10); and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez is survived by his mother, Maria
21 Lourdes Gonzalez, of Tulare, and sister, Sandra Judith Gonzalez,
22 also of Tulare; and

23 WHEREAS, In recognition of the contributions, bravery, and
24 sacrifice of Officers Law and Gonzalez in serving the California
25 Highway Patrol and the citizens of California, it would be fitting
26 to designate a portion of State Highway Route 99, in the County
27 of Fresno, in their honor; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
30 portion of State Highway Route 99 from the Fresno/Tulare County
31 Line to the Mountain View Avenue Overcrossing in the County
32 of Fresno as the CHP Officers Brian Law and Juan Gonzalez
33 Memorial Highway; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
35 to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
36 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
37 showing these special designations and, upon receiving donations
38 from non state sources covering the costs, to erect those signs; and
39 be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
- 3 for appropriate distribution.

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