

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 86

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13—Relative to the Redding Police Officer Owen “Ted” Lyon Memorial Bridge.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 13, Nielsen. Redding Police Officer Owen “Ted” Lyon Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the Sacramento River Bridge (#6-14) located on State Highway Route 273 as it crosses the Sacramento River into downtown in the City of Redding as the Redding Police Officer Owen “Ted” Lyon Memorial Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Police Officer Owen “Ted” Lyon was born on June 6, 1931, in Socorro, New Mexico. He graduated from Red Bluff High School in 1949 and went on to junior college for one and one-half years to study electrical engineering. He worked for the Paul Bunyan Lumber Company in Anderson, California, from April 1957 to September 1961, inclusive. On September 7, 1961, he joined the Redding Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ted Lyon was killed in the line of duty on May 18, 1967. He and his partner, Jon Kelbaugh, had responded to the address of 1047 Gilbert Street in the City of Redding on a domestic violence incident where it had been reported that a drunk man had been fighting with his wife in an apartment and had threatened her with a gun; and

WHEREAS, As both officers approached the front door on foot, a man stepped out from behind the door firing a .32 caliber handgun and Officer Lyon was shot in the abdomen by the suspect and fell to the ground still holding his service weapon and Officer Kelbaugh was also shot in the abdomen and the back; and

WHEREAS, After retreating, Officer Kelbaugh, who survived the assault engaged the suspect in a gun battle using a shotgun and the suspect was killed. Officer Kelbaugh loaded Officer Lyon into a police unit and drove him to the Redding Medical Center where he died approximately 24 hours later; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lyon was 35 years of age, had six years of service with the Redding Police Department, and was survived by his wife, Joanne Gifford, his mother, Alice Lyon, his daughter, Tina Combs, his two stepsons,

John and Jim Hunt, his three brothers, Herbert, Terry, and Jerry Lyon, his sister, Roena Callison, and his nephew, Curtis Lyon; and

WHEREAS, Many officers from the Redding Police Department and the Shasta County Sheriff's Department responded to the hospital to donate blood and nearly 60 pints of blood were collected in an effort to save the life of Officer Lyon; and

WHEREAS, On September 18, 2012, the Redding City Council unanimously approved authorization for the Redding Police Department to proceed with this request to create the Redding Police Officer Owen "Ted" Lyon Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lyon made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of his duties protecting his fellow citizens, and because his dedication to duty is in the highest tradition of law enforcement and the Redding Police Department; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the Sacramento River Bridge (#6-14) in Redding as the Redding Police Officer Owen "Ted" Lyon Memorial Bridge as a fitting tribute to his memory, service, and sacrifice; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation install signs on the Sacramento River Bridge (#6-14), located on State Highway Route 273 where it crosses the Sacramento River into downtown in the City of Redding, with one sign to be located on the northbound side of the bridge at milepost 17.08 and the second sign to be located on the southbound side of the bridge at milepost 17.23; and be it further

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

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