
Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier

May 20, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Relative to the Officer Kenyon Youngstrom Memorial Overcrossing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 43, as introduced, DeSaulnier. Officer Kenyon Youngstrom Memorial Overcrossing.

This measure would designate a specified overcrossing on State Highway Route 680 in Contra Costa County as the Officer Kenyon Youngstrom Memorial Overcrossing. 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, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Kenyon
2 Marc Youngstrom was born October 8, 1974, in Pasadena,
3 California; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom graduated from Arlington
5 High School in Riverside in 1993, and attended California Baptist
6 University in Riverside, as well as Napa Valley College, in Napa;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom, from a young age, recognized
9 the importance of public service, and was known as a hard worker
10 who always gave back to his community; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom served as a member of the
12 United States Army Reserve for six years, achieving the rank of
13 an E-4 Specialist; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom entered the CHP Academy
2 in August 2005 and graduated in February 2006 (badge number
3 18063), and was initially assigned to the Contra Costa area; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom, after serving nearly three
5 years in the Contra Costa area, voluntarily transferred to the Golden
6 Gate Division as a member of the Field Support Unit, where he
7 served as a distinguished member of the Protective Services Detail,
8 responsible for providing protection to various dignitaries, heads
9 of state, legislators, and other VIPs visiting the San Francisco Bay
10 Area; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom transferred back to the Contra
12 Costa area in August 2012 where he spent the remainder of his
13 career; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom performed several duties over
15 the course of his career, and because of his exceptional skills as
16 an officer, he served as a mentor and recruiter for new officers to
17 the CHP, as well as a RADAR and LIDAR instructor; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom, while assisting a fellow
19 officer on September 4, 2012, with an enforcement stop on State
20 Highway Route 680 (Interstate 680), was critically shot by the
21 driver of the stopped vehicle, and passed away the following day
22 at the John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek; and

23 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom, upon his death, gave the gift
24 of life through organ and tissue donation, helping to save the lives
25 of four individuals; and

26 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom was a man of family and faith,
27 and was a member of the Community Bible Church of Vallejo in
28 Vallejo; and

29 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom is survived by his wife, Karen,
30 four children, Alexander, Madison, Andrew, and Kennedy, his
31 parents, Gaylord and Jill Youngstrom, four brothers, and a sister;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom, as a father, leaves behind a
34 legacy, instilled in his children, of a sense of respect and dignity;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, Officer Youngstrom is admired for his
37 professionalism, dedication, honesty, loyalty, respect, and courage;
38 now, therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
40 *thereof concurring,* That the life, achievements, and distinguished

1 career of Officer Kenyon Marc Youngstrom, and his ultimate
2 sacrifice while performing honorable and faithful service to the
3 people of California as a CHP officer, are hereby recognized and
4 honored; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the State Highway Route 680 overcrossing over
6 Livorna Road in Contra Costa County is hereby designated as the
7 Officer Kenyon Youngstrom Memorial Overcrossing; and be it
8 further

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

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

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