

Introduced by Senator Wolk
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Bonilla)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Relative to the Vallejo Police Officer James Capoot Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 6, as introduced, Wolk. Vallejo Police Officer James Capoot Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway 37 between Interstate 80 and State Highway 29 as the Vallejo Police Officer James Capoot 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, James Lowell Capoot was born on November 2,
2 1966, in Little Rock, Arkansas, attended local schools, and
3 graduated from John L. McClellan High School in 1985, where
4 he excelled on the cross country and track teams; and
5 WHEREAS, After graduation, Jim enlisted in the United States
6 Marine Corps, and was stationed at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard
7 in Vallejo, where he met the love of his life, Jennifer Eileen
8 DeCarlo; and
9 WHEREAS, Jim and Jennifer were married at St. Basil's
10 Catholic Church in Vallejo on August 29, 1987, and they are the
11 parents of three daughters—Jillian, Jamie, and Justine; and

1 WHEREAS, Jim completed active duty with the United States
2 Marine Corps in 1989, but remained on active reserve until 1993,
3 and he began his law enforcement career with the Department of
4 the California Highway Patrol in 1990; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1993, Jim joined the Vallejo Police Department,
6 where he served for over 18 years as a motorcycle officer,
7 motorcycle instructor, driving instructor, and SWAT officer; and

8 WHEREAS, During his service with the Vallejo Police
9 Department, Jim received two Medals of Courage, one Life-Saving
10 Medal, and many other department commendations, as well as the
11 Officer of the Year Award; and

12 WHEREAS, Jim also served his community as coach of the
13 Vallejo High School varsity girls' basketball team, leading that
14 team to a Sac-Joaquin Section Division II Championship in 2010;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Jim was killed in the line of duty on November
17 17, 2011, and his loss was mourned not only by his wife, daughters,
18 mother, and the rest of his family, and his friends and colleagues,
19 but also mourned throughout the community of Vallejo, which he
20 had served with such dedication and distinction; now, therefore,
21 be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
23 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
24 portion of State Highway 37 between Interstate 80 and State
25 Highway 29 as the Vallejo Police Officer James Capoot Memorial
26 Highway; and be it further

27 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
28 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
29 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
30 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
31 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
32 further

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

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