

Introduced by Senator Knight

July 8, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60—Relative to the Lance Corporal Javier Olvera Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 60, as introduced, Knight. Lance Corporal Javier Olvera Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 14 in the County of Los Angeles as the Lance Corporal Javier Olvera Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Director 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, Javier Olvera was born on September 24, 1988, in
- 2 the City of Sylmar, California, to Francisco and Martha Olvera;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Olvera attended R. Rex Parris High School in
- 5 the Antelope Valley, during which he participated and excelled in
- 6 the Police Explorer program. While watching military programs
- 7 on the History Channel, Mr. Olvera became interested in the United
- 8 States Marine Corps; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Hoping to take his life in a positive direction, in
- 10 2006 Mr. Olvera enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and
- 11 was sent to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego,
- 12 California; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Olvera graduated from Marine Corps boot
2 camp with his platoon on February 23, 2007, the same day in
3 history that the United States Marines raised the American flag on
4 Mount Surabachi in 1945 during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World
5 War II; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Olvera was then sent to Camp Lejeune in North
7 Carolina for training as a 0311 Infantryman, where his specialty
8 was as a radio operator, a highly dangerous job, often targeted in
9 battle by the enemy; and

10 WHEREAS, On August 1, 2007, Mr. Olvera was promoted to
11 the rank of Lance Corporal; and

12 WHEREAS, In September 2007, Lance Corporal Olvera
13 deployed to Iraq, where he stayed until February 2008, when he
14 returned to the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Olvera was again called to service
16 in May 2009, and subsequently deployed with 2nd Battalion, 8th
17 Marines with a contingent of 21,000 other Marines to Afghanistan;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, On August 8, 2009, Lance Corporal Olvera was
20 killed in action by an improvised explosive device (IED); and

21 WHEREAS, During Lance Corporal Olvera's three years of
22 service, he was a rising star in the ranks of the United States Marine
23 Corps, aiming to eventually attain the rank of Sergeant; and

24 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Olvera, who gave his life for the
25 ideals and values of our country, which he treasured deep inside
26 him, lived by the United States Marine Corps motto, "Semper
27 Fidelis," Latin for "Always Faithful"; and

28 WHEREAS, The death of Lance Corporal Olvera touched many
29 lives, and all who knew him will forever remember his honor,
30 courage, and commitment, and be reminded of the biblical
31 admonition that "No one has greater love than this, to lay down
32 one's life for one's friends"; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
34 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
35 portion of State Highway Route 14 along Palmdale's Avenue P
36 exit in the County of Los Angeles as the Lance Corporal Javier
37 Olvera Memorial Highway; and be it further

38 *Resolved,* That the Director of Transportation is requested to
39 determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing
40 requirements for the state highway system showing this special

1 designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources
2 sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
4 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
5 for appropriate distribution.

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