

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 6

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

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 14 in the City of Palmdale 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.

WHEREAS, Javier Olvera was born on September 24, 1988, in the City of Sylmar, California, to Francisco and Martha Olvera; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olvera attended R. Rex Parris High School in the Antelope Valley, during which he participated and excelled in the Police Explorer program. While watching military programs on the History Channel, Mr. Olvera became interested in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Hoping to take his life in a positive direction, in 2006 Mr. Olvera enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was sent to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 14 in the City of Palmdale from the south junction of State Highway Route 14 and State Highway Route 138 to West Avenue O8 as the Lance Corporal Javier Olvera Memorial Highway; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Director of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the 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.