

Introduced by Senator Lara

February 20, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84—Relative to the Signal Hill Police Officer Anthony “Tony” Giniewicz Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 84, as amended, Lara. Signal Hill Police Officer Anthony “Tony” Giniewicz Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of ~~State Highway Route~~ *Interstate* 405 in the County of Los Angeles as the Signal Hill Police Officer Anthony “Tony” Giniewicz Memorial Highway. This 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 those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Of all the promises the United States offers, none
- 2 is more precious or elusive than the right to be free from crime
- 3 and violence; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have the
- 5 unenviable task of guaranteeing the public’s safety, which is as
- 6 difficult and dangerous as it is important; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Californians are indebted every day to our peace
- 8 officers; we pay special tribute to peace officers’ bravery and
- 9 dedication, and share in their pain, when one of their members is
- 10 killed in the line of duty; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Anthony “Tony” Giniewicz faithfully
2 served the Signal Hill Police Department and the residents of the
3 City of Signal Hill as a police officer assigned to patrol operations;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Giniewicz is remembered as a loving son
6 to his mother, Nellie Giniewicz; a caring father to his son Anthony,
7 his step-son John Peters, and his step-daughter Barbara
8 Crumbacker; and a thoughtful sibling to his sisters Paula Zwicker,
9 Linda Kravitz, Elaine Giniewicz, Christine Giniewicz, Diane
10 Racicot, and Laurie Wessels; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Giniewicz committed his life to his family
12 and friends, and his career to the City of Signal Hill and the safety
13 of its residents and fellow officers; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Giniewicz was loved by his friends and
15 coworkers, and had earned a reputation of caring deeply for his
16 partners and the public; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Giniewicz was shot in the line of duty by
18 three gang members while responding to a robbery in progress at
19 a restaurant in the City of Long Beach on February 19, 1985; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Giniewicz was paralyzed from the chest
21 down as a result of his wounds and remained in poor health until
22 passing away as a result of complications on December 7, 2011;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, In recognition of the hazardous work and serious
25 responsibility Officer Giniewicz willingly accepted, and the strong
26 commitment he demonstrated, during his three years as a law
27 enforcement officer, and his contributions and sacrifice in serving
28 and protecting the residents of the City of Signal Hill, it would be
29 a fitting tribute to designate a portion of ~~State Highway Route~~
30 *Interstate* 405, in the County of Los Angeles, as the Signal Hill
31 Police Officer Anthony “Tony” Giniewicz Memorial Highway;
32 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~~ *Interstate* 405 from Atlantic
36 Avenue to Cherry Avenue south, in the County of Los Angeles,
37 as the Signal Hill Police Officer Anthony “Tony” Giniewicz
38 Memorial Highway; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
40 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the

1 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
2 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
3 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
4 further

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

O