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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 116—Relative to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 116, as introduced, Correa. California Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

This measure would designate Monday, May 5, 2014, as California Peace Officers' Memorial Day, urge all Californians to use that day to honor California peace officers, and recognize specified California peace officers who were killed in defense of their communities.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Monday, May 5, 2014, is California Peace Officers'
2 Memorial Day, a day Californians observe in commemoration of
3 those noble officers who have tragically sacrificed their lives in
4 the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Although the people of this state are indebted to
6 our California peace officers each day of the week, we make
7 particular note of their bravery and dedication, and we share in
8 their losses on California Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

1 WHEREAS, California peace officers have a job second in
2 importance to none, and it is a job that is as difficult and dangerous
3 as it is important; and

4 WHEREAS, By the enforcement of our laws, these same officers
5 have safeguarded the lives and property of the people of this state
6 and have given their full measure to ensure Californians the right
7 to be free from crime and violence; and

8 WHEREAS, Special ceremonies and observations on behalf of
9 California peace officers provide all Californians with the
10 opportunity to appreciate the heroic men and women who have
11 dedicated their lives to preserving public safety; now, therefore,
12 be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
14 *thereof concurring*, That California's peace officers who were
15 killed in defense of their communities be recognized:

16 Officer Kevin Tonn, Galt Police Department, End of Watch:
17 January 15, 2013.

18 Officer Michael Crain, Riverside Police Department, End of
19 Watch: February 7, 2013.

20 Detective Jeremiah MacKay, San Bernardino County Sheriff's
21 Department, End of Watch: February 12, 2013.

22 Sergeant Loran L. "Butch" Baker, Jr., Santa Cruz Police
23 Department, End of Watch: February 26, 2013.

24 Detective Elizabeth Butler, Santa Cruz Police Department, End
25 of Watch: February 26, 2013.

26 Officer Gilbert Cortez, California Department of Corrections
27 and Rehabilitation, End of Watch: March 25, 2013.

28 Officer Jon Coutchie, Laguna Beach Police Department, End of
29 Watch: September 21, 2013.

30 Deputy Jeremy Meyst, Tulare County Sheriff's Department, End
31 of Watch: December 24, 2013; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That California's peace officers who were killed in
33 defense of their communities in prior years, but not yet enrolled,
34 also be recognized:

35 Warden Leon H. Nelson, California Department of Fish and
36 Wildlife, End of Watch: October 27, 1979.

37 Sergeant Raymond C. Willis, Los Angeles County Sheriff's
38 Department, End of Watch: April 15, 1957.

39 Special Agent Buford French, Burlington Northern and Santa
40 Fe Railway Police Department, End of Watch: November 10, 1932.

1 Constable Anthony B. Coutts, Los Angeles County Sheriff's
2 Department, End of Watch: October 25, 1914.

3 Constable Anton Harnischfeger, Los Angeles County Sheriff's
4 Department, End of Watch: October 25, 1914; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby designates Monday, May
6 5, 2014, as California Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and urges
7 all Californians to remember those individuals who gave their lives
8 for our safety and express our appreciation to those who continue
9 to dedicate themselves to making California a safer place in which
10 to live and raise our families; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
12 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.