

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 116

Introduced by Senator Correa

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 116, as amended, 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

1 particular note of their bravery and dedication, and we share in
2 their losses on California Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

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

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

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

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

18 Officer Kevin Tonn, Galt Police Department, End of Watch:
19 January 15, 2013.

20 Officer Michael Crain, Riverside Police Department, End of
21 Watch: February 7, 2013.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 Constable Anton Harnischfeger, Los Angeles County Sheriff's
6 Department, End of Watch: ~~October 25, 1914~~; *March 20, 1889*;

7 and be it further

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

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

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