

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 14**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Irwin**

January 29, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Relative to the Deputy Sheriff Yevhen “Eugene” Kostiuchenko Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 14, as introduced, Irwin. Deputy Sheriff Yevhen “Eugene” Kostiuchenko Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 101 in the County of Ventura as the Deputy Sheriff Yevhen “Eugene” Kostiuchenko Memorial Highway. This measure would request that the Department of Transportation 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, Ventura County Deputy Sheriff Yevhen “Eugene”  
2 Kostiuchenko was born in Kiev, Ukraine, to Anatoliy and Nadiia  
3 Kostiuchenko on January 30, 1973, and was one of two children  
4 born to the Kostiuchenko’s, including a brother Oleksandr; and  
5 WHEREAS, Eugene was raised in Kiev, Ukraine, where he  
6 attended secondary school from 1980 through 1990. Later, he  
7 attended the Military University of Defense of Russian Federation  
8 in Moscow where he received a masters degree in linguistics; and  
9 WHEREAS, Eugene was fluent in four languages: Ukrainian,  
10 Russian, English, and Farsi. Eugene could also communicate in  
11 German; and

1 WHEREAS, Eugene achieved the rank of Captain in the  
2 Ukrainian Armed Forces where he served from 1995 to 1999; and

3 WHEREAS, Eugene was a Military Intelligence Officer and  
4 served as a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the  
5 Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Central Intelligence  
6 Agency. Eugene held the very prestigious position of serving as  
7 the adjutant to the General of the Ukrainian Army; and

8 WHEREAS, Eugene began his career with the County of  
9 Ventura in April 2003. He initially worked as a program  
10 administrator with the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services  
11 where he assisted with training and response plans for the County's  
12 Terrorism Working Group; and

13 WHEREAS, On July 5, 2007, Eugene was hired as a deputy  
14 sheriff trainee and began the rigorous five-month training program  
15 at the Sheriff's Regional Training Center; and

16 WHEREAS, Eugene was a member of Class 2007-2 that began  
17 with 25 Sheriff's recruits and graduated 20. Through Eugene's  
18 discipline, dedication, and work ethic, he was one of the successful  
19 3 percent who made it all the way from the initial application  
20 process to graduation; and

21 WHEREAS, Eugene was sworn in as a deputy sheriff on  
22 November 29, 2007, and worked in the Detention Services Division  
23 until October 2013. After working in two custody facilities, he  
24 was transferred to patrol in the City of Camarillo where he began  
25 patrol training; and

26 WHEREAS, Eugene completed patrol training in April 2014,  
27 and worked as a patrol deputy in Camarillo, proudly serving the  
28 residents of that city; and

29 WHEREAS, Eugene was an avid runner who could often be  
30 seen running through the streets of Camarillo as he trained for the  
31 Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. This event, often referred  
32 to as the ultimate foot pursuit, is a difficult relay race consisting  
33 of 120 miles and 20 stages that starts in Baker, California and ends  
34 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Eugene was a member of the Sheriff's  
35 Office elite competitive team and would often run the hardest and  
36 longest legs of the race; and

37 WHEREAS, On October 28, 2014, Eugene had completed an  
38 early morning traffic stop and was walking back to his patrol  
39 vehicle when he was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver;  
40 and

1 WHEREAS, Eugene enforced the law with enthusiasm but was  
2 also kind, compassionate, and caring. He loved animals and had  
3 future aspirations to become a canine handler and a member of  
4 the Sheriff's Bomb Team. Those goals were not achieved due to  
5 his untimely passing, but there is no doubt he would have been  
6 successful in those endeavors as he was in all the other areas of  
7 his life; and

8 WHEREAS, Eugene will be truly missed by all who had the  
9 pleasure and honor of knowing him; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
12 2.040 mile portion of State Highway Route 101 between Lewis  
13 Road/Junction State Route 34 at mile post 13.848 and Las Posas  
14 Road at mile post 15.888 in the County of Ventura as the Deputy  
15 Sheriff Yevhen "Eugene" Kostiuchenko Memorial Highway; and  
16 be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
18 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the  
19 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this  
20 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
21 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
22 further

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
24 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
25 for appropriate distribution.