

AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 1, 2015

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

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 amended, 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~~ The 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~~, *Kostiuchenkos*, including a brother
- 5 Oleksandr; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Eugene was raised in Kiev, Ukraine, where he
- 7 attended secondary school from 1980 ~~though~~ *through* 1990. Later,
- 8 he attended the Military University of Defense of Russian
- 9 Federation in Moscow where he received a ~~masters~~ *master’s* degree
- 10 in linguistics; and

1 WHEREAS, Eugene was fluent in four languages: Ukrainian,
2 Russian, English, and Farsi. Eugene could also communicate in
3 German; and

4 WHEREAS, Eugene achieved the rank of ~~Captain~~ *captain* in
5 the ~~Ukrainian Armed Forces~~ *Ukrainian armed forces* where he
6 served from 1995 to 1999; and

7 WHEREAS, Eugene was a ~~Military Intelligence Officer~~ *military*
8 *intelligence officer* and served as a liaison with the Federal Bureau
9 of ~~Investigations~~, *Investigation*, the Drug Enforcement
10 Administration, and the Central Intelligence Agency. Eugene held
11 the very prestigious position of serving as the adjutant to the
12 ~~General~~ *general* of the ~~Ukrainian Army~~, *Ukrainian army*; and

13 WHEREAS, Eugene began his career with the County of
14 Ventura in April 2003. He initially worked as a program
15 administrator with the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services
16 where he assisted with training and response plans for the ~~County's~~
17 *county's* Terrorism Working Group; and

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

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

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

31 WHEREAS, Eugene completed patrol training in April 2014,
32 and worked as a patrol deputy in Camarillo, proudly serving the
33 residents of that city; and

34 WHEREAS, Eugene was an avid runner who could often be
35 seen running through the streets of Camarillo as he trained for the
36 Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. This event, often referred
37 to as the ultimate foot pursuit, is a difficult relay race consisting
38 of 120 miles and 20 stages that starts in Baker, ~~California~~
39 *California*, and ends in Las Vegas, Nevada. Eugene was a member

1 of the Sheriff's Office elite competitive team and would often run
2 the hardest and longest legs of the race; and

3 WHEREAS, On October 28, 2014, Eugene had completed an
4 early morning traffic stop and was walking back to his patrol
5 vehicle when he was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Eugene enforced the law with enthusiasm but was
8 also kind, compassionate, and caring. He loved animals and had
9 future aspirations to become a canine handler and a member of
10 the Sheriff's Bomb-Team: *Squad*. Those goals were not achieved
11 due to his untimely passing, but there is no doubt he would have
12 been successful in those endeavors as he was in all the other areas
13 of his life; and

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

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
18 ~~2.040-mile~~ 2.040-mile portion of State Highway Route 101
19 between Lewis Road/Junction State Route 34 at mile post 13.848
20 and Las Posas Road at mile post 15.888 in the County of Ventura
21 as the Deputy Sheriff Yevhen "Eugene" Kostiuchenko Memorial
22 Highway; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
24 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
25 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
26 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
27 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
28 further

29 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
30 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
31 for appropriate distribution.