

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 100

Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen

August 17, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100—Relative to the Kevin Woyjeck Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 100, as introduced, Travis Allen. Kevin Woyjeck Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of Interstate 405 in the County of Orange as the Kevin Woyjeck Memorial Highway. The 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 that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, As the son of a captain in the Los Angeles County
- 2 Fire Department, the grandson of a smokejumper, and the eighth
- 3 firefighter in the Woyjeck family, Kevin Woyjeck knew from an
- 4 early age that he wanted to be a firefighter and was laser-focused
- 5 on achieving that goal; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Kevin grew up in Seal Beach, California, and
- 7 attended McGaugh Elementary School in Seal Beach and
- 8 McAuliffe Middle School and Los Alamitos High School, both in
- 9 Los Alamitos, California; and

1 WHEREAS, Kevin was a very active person who loved the
2 outdoors from an early age and could often be found fishing or
3 diving anywhere from Seal Beach to Laguna Beach; and

4 WHEREAS, Kevin spent every summer for nine years as a Seal
5 Beach Junior Lifeguard; and

6 WHEREAS, When he was 15 years old, Kevin joined the Los
7 Angeles County Fire Department Explorer Program, a program
8 that he loved because the firefighters taught him so much about
9 the fire department and station etiquette; and

10 WHEREAS, Kevin became an emergency medical technician
11 while in high school and worked on an ambulance crew shortly
12 after graduating; and

13 WHEREAS, Kevin had extensive training as a firefighter, having
14 taken firefighting classes at Santa Ana College, El Camino College
15 Structure Fire Academy, and the Department of Forestry and Fire
16 Protection Academy in San Luis Obispo; and

17 WHEREAS, Kevin also spent a season in South Dakota, where
18 he joined the Johnson Valley Volunteer Fire Department and
19 performed indirect wildland firefighting for the South Dakota
20 Wildland Fire Division as part of a Type 2-IA Handcrew; and

21 WHEREAS, In April 2013, Kevin was honored to join the
22 Granite Mountain Hotshots, an elite crew of 20 young men in top
23 condition, based in Prescott, Arizona, who had direct wildland
24 firefighting responsibilities with the ability to provide service
25 anywhere in the nation; and

26 WHEREAS, After successfully fighting fires and saving lives
27 and property in New Mexico and Arizona, Kevin and the other
28 members of the crew responded to an out-of-control fire in Yarnell,
29 Arizona, on June 30, 2013; and

30 WHEREAS, Nineteen of the twenty young men in the Granite
31 Mountain Hotshots tragically lost their lives in the fire, including
32 Kevin; and

33 WHEREAS, Kevin always had a smile on his face and, although
34 he was taken at 21 years of age, he lived and loved a full life's
35 worth; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
38 portion of Interstate 405 between postmile 24.178 and postmile
39 20.4 in the County of Orange as the Kevin Woyjeck Memorial
40 Highway; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
2 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
3 requirements of the state highway system showing this special
4 designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources
5 sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further
6 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
7 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
8 for appropriate distribution.

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