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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 65

Introduced by Assembly Members Brough and Harper

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 65—Relative to the James Mitchell “Mitch” Waller Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 65, as amended, Brough. James Mitchell “Mitch” Waller Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 405 (Interstate 405) in the County of Orange as the James Mitchell “Mitch” Waller Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the costs of erecting the

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, James Mitchell “Mitch” Waller was born on
2 September 12, 1959, in Dallas, Texas, to James Russell Waller,
3 Jr. and Elizabeth Ann Waller. In 1965, Mitch Waller and his family
4 moved to Huntington Beach, California, where Mitch began his
5 education; and

6 WHEREAS, Mitch Waller joined the Boy Scouts of America
7 as a Cub Scout in his early school years and continued to participate
8 in the organization as a Boy Scout through high school, earning
9 the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

10 WHEREAS, Mitch Waller graduated from Edison High School
11 in 1977. He continued his education at the University of California,
12 San Diego and graduated in 1983 with a bachelor of arts degree
13 in Biochemistry and Cellular Biology and a minor in Economics;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mitch Waller attended the Criminal Justice
16 Training Center at Golden West College, after which he began his
17 career in law enforcement with the City of Westminster Police
18 Department in 1984; and

19 WHEREAS, Mitch Waller married Sally Gouveia in 1994,
20 settled in Mission Viejo, and started his family; and

21 WHEREAS, While continuing his duties with the City of
22 Westminster Police Department, Mitch Waller attended Chapman
23 University School of Law in 1995. He completed his juris doctor
24 degree and passed the California Bar in 1999. In 2003, he was
25 selected to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National
26 Academy in Quantico, Virginia; and

27 WHEREAS, As a community leader, Mitch Waller rose through
28 the ranks to become Chief of Police for the Westminster Police
29 Department. He served the law enforcement and safety
30 communities for 27 years; and

31 WHEREAS, Mitch Waller remained committed to the
32 Westminster community and worked to develop positive staff
33 relations, communications, and infrastructure. Under his direction,
34 the new Westminster Police Department building was completed
35 in 2011, on time and under budget—an accomplishment of which
36 he was very proud; and

1 WHEREAS, Mitch Waller accepted an appointment to the office
2 of the Westminster City Manager in 2011, and he retired in 2012.
3 Throughout his exceptional career, Mitch had an impact on many
4 lives; and

5 WHEREAS, In his neighborhood in the community of Mission
6 Viejo, Mitch Waller was known for generosity with both his time
7 and talents. He was very active in his daughter Kiana’s softball
8 teams, supporting them with everything from coaching assistance
9 to first aid. For his son, Chase, Mitch assisted with his training for
10 the high school cross-country and track teams, always there to
11 offer his encouragement and support; and

12 WHEREAS, The exemplary life of Mitch Waller ended
13 tragically in an accident on the morning of Friday, June 28, 2013,
14 at 53 years of age, while he was cycling with his good friend,
15 Kevin Beach, in the bike lane on State Highway Route 133,
16 heading toward Laguna Beach—a favorite destination; and

17 WHEREAS, The loss to the Waller family, his friends, and his
18 colleagues is immeasurable. Mitch Waller was an adviser, a
19 problem solver, and a hero to all; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
22 portion of State Highway Route 405 (Interstate 405) between
23 postmiles 1.525 and 6.459 in the County of Orange as the James
24 Mitchell “Mitch” Waller Memorial Highway; and be it further

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

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

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