

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 78**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Salas**

May 20, 2015

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 78—Relative to the CHP Officer Gerald E. Dormaier Memorial Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 78, as introduced, Salas. CHP Officer Gerald E. Dormaier Memorial Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange at the junction of State Routes 99 and 166 in the County of Kern as the CHP Officer Gerald E. Dormaier Memorial Interchange. 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, Officer Gerald E. Dormaier, California Highway
- 2 Patrol (CHP) Badge No. 4654, was born June 15, 1938 in Arvin,
- 3 California; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Gerald Dormaier graduated from Bakersfield High
- 5 School in 1955, went on to Bakersfield College, and then joined
- 6 the United States Air Force shortly thereafter; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Gerald Dormaier was a member of the Future
- 8 Farmers of America poultry judging team in high school and won
- 9 first place over 17 other judging teams in a San Joaquin Valley
- 10 poultry judging contest held at Fresno State College; and

1 WHEREAS, Gerald Dormaier was a doting father and had three  
2 wonderful children, Craig, Mark and Valerie; and

3 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol,  
4 Gerald Dormaier worked in Kern County's oil fields; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Dormaier graduated from the California  
6 Highway Patrol Academy in 1966, and during his 14 years with  
7 the CHP, served in the Los Angeles, Anaheim, Tejon, Buellton,  
8 Truckee, and Bakersfield areas; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Dormaier was killed in the line of duty on  
10 December 25, 1980, when he and his partner, Officer Jerry Bean,  
11 CHP Badge No. 6105, were attempting to set up road control for  
12 an overturned propane truck. Officer Dormaier was standing on  
13 the side of the road when a speeding tanker truck came barreling  
14 through the fog. The driver attempted to stop, causing the vehicle  
15 to jackknife near the center divider, striking Officer Dormaier and  
16 the patrol car; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Bean attempted to revive his partner and  
18 administered CPR until the ambulance arrived. Officer Dormaier  
19 was taken to Mercy Hospital, but unfortunately he succumbed to  
20 his injuries; and

21 WHEREAS, Officer Dormaier was a hard working, dedicated  
22 officer who loved his job and enjoyed the people he worked with.  
23 He was a very nice man who was known for being a loving and  
24 devoted father; and

25 WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Dormaier's great  
26 contributions and sacrifice in serving the California Highway Patrol  
27 and the residents of California, it is appropriate to designate the  
28 interchange at the junction of State Highway Routes 99 and 166  
29 in the County of Kern in his honor; now therefore be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
32 interchange at the junction of State Highway Routes 99 and 166  
33 in the County of Kern as the CHP Officer Gerald E. Dormaier  
34 Memorial Interchange; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
36 to determine the costs of erecting appropriate signs, consistent  
37 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
38 showing this special designation and which shall include the star  
39 of the California Highway Patrol and, upon receiving donations

- 1 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
- 2 be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
- 5 for appropriate distribution.

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