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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 128

Introduced by Assembly Member Brown

January 28, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 128—~~Relative to the San Bernardino County Deputy Sheriff Jeffery A. Hill Memorial Interchange. Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 128, as amended, Brown. ~~San Bernardino County Deputy Sheriff Jeffery A. Hill Memorial Interchange. Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month.~~

This measure would recognize the month of September 2016 as Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month.

~~This measure would designate the interchange of Interstate Routes 15 and 215 in the County of San Bernardino as the San Bernardino County Deputy Sheriff Jeffery A. Hill Memorial Interchange. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.~~

Fiscal committee: *yes-no.*

- 1 *WHEREAS, Sickle cell anemia and sickle cell disease, used*
- 2 *interchangeably, refer to a group of inherited disorders that affect*
- 3 *the red blood cells; and*

1 WHEREAS, Sickle cell anemia is a disease in which a person's
2 body produces abnormally shaped red blood cells that resemble
3 a crescent or sickle and that do not last as long as normal round
4 red blood cells, which leads to anemia. The sickle cells also get
5 stuck in blood vessels and block blood flow, which can cause pain
6 and organ damage; and

7 WHEREAS, Sickle cell anemia is a genetic disorder that occurs
8 in individuals who are born with two sickle cell genes, each
9 inherited from one parent. An individual with only one sickle cell
10 gene has "sickle cell trait," which occurs in one out of every 12
11 African Americans and in one out of every 100 Latinos in the
12 United States; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
14 Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health,
15 approximately two million Americans carry the sickle cell trait,
16 and unlike most people with sickle cell anemia, most people who
17 have sickle cell trait never know they have it and can live their
18 entire lives without any complications from it; and

19 WHEREAS, Serious problems associated with sickle cell trait
20 are rare. However, exercise-related sudden death in individuals
21 who have sickle cell trait most commonly occurs in those
22 undergoing intense physical exertion, such as military recruits in
23 basic training and athletes during conditioning workouts; and

24 WHEREAS, Individuals with sickle cell trait should not be
25 excluded from physical activity, including sports, unless
26 recommended by medical personnel. Instead, people should be
27 educated about precautions that should be taken, including
28 drinking adequate amounts of fluids, pacing training with longer
29 periods of rest and recovery, avoiding participation in performance
30 tests such as sprints and mile runs, and, most importantly, being
31 familiar with the symptoms of overexertion; and

32 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease
33 Control and Prevention, it is estimated that more than 90,000
34 Americans have sickle cell anemia. Sickle cell anemia occurs in
35 one out of every 500 African American births and in one out of
36 every 36,000 Latino births; and

37 WHEREAS, Sickle cell anemia can be a life-threatening
38 condition, and access to comprehensive care can be limited by
39 social, economic, cultural, and geographic barriers; and

1 *WHEREAS, The average cost of hospitalization for sickle cell*
2 *anemia in 2004 was \$6,223, for more than 84,000 hospital*
3 *admissions that year. Total hospitalization costs for individuals*
4 *with sickle cell anemia equaled \$488,000,000, of which 65 percent*
5 *were covered by Medicaid funds; and*

6 *WHEREAS, Individuals living with sickle cell anemia encounter*
7 *barriers to obtaining quality care and improving their quality of*
8 *life. These barriers include limitations in geographic access to*
9 *comprehensive care, the varied use of effective treatments, the*
10 *high reliance on emergency care and public health programs, and*
11 *the limited number of health care providers with knowledge and*
12 *experience to manage and treat sickle cell anemia; and*

13 *WHEREAS, The Sickle Cell Anemia Control Act was signed into*
14 *law in 1972 by President Richard Nixon after pledging that his*
15 *administration would “reverse the record of neglect of the dreaded*
16 *disease” by increasing funding for and expanding sickle cell*
17 *anemia-related programs, including the development of*
18 *comprehensive sickle cell anemia centers; and*

19 *WHEREAS, In 1975, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of*
20 *America, Inc., and its member organizations began conducting*
21 *month-long events in September to call attention to sickle cell*
22 *anemia and the need to address the problem at national and local*
23 *levels, and chose September as National Sickle Cell Awareness*
24 *Month in order for the public to reflect on the children and adults*
25 *whose lives, education, and careers have been affected by this*
26 *disease; and*

27 *WHEREAS, Sickle cell disease is a chronic condition that can*
28 *affect any organ, including the kidneys, lungs, and spleen. Research*
29 *indicates that patients experience many severe complications,*
30 *including stroke, infections, and pulmonary embolism; and*

31 *WHEREAS, Pain is the most common complication of sickle*
32 *cell disease and the primary reason that people with the disease*
33 *go to the emergency room or hospital; and*

34 *WHEREAS, While there is no widely available cure for sickle*
35 *cell disease, emerging treatments, including medications that*
36 *prevent blood cells from sickling, are being studied; and*

37 *WHEREAS, A potentially groundbreaking investigational drug,*
38 *GMI 1070, designed to treat painful vaso-occlusive crises, which*
39 *occur when red blood cells lump together and impede blood flow*

1 *in sickle cell patients, has been found to be safe following a clinical*
2 *trial at the University of California, Davis; and*

3 *WHEREAS, In 2003, the Sickle Cell Treatment Act was signed*
4 *into law; and*

5 *WHEREAS, The effort to officially recognize Sickle Cell Anemia*
6 *Awareness Month succeeded at the federal level in 1983 when the*
7 *United States House of Representatives unanimously passed, and*
8 *President Ronald Reagan signed, the first resolution introduced*
9 *by the Congressional Black Caucus that recognized September as*
10 *National Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month; now, therefore,*
11 *be it*

12 **RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF**
13 **CALIFORNIA, THE SENATE THEREOF CONCURRING,**
14 **THAT THE LEGISLATURE recognizes the month of September**
15 **2016 as Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month; and be it further**

16 **RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit**
17 **copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.**

18 ~~**WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Jeffery Allan Hill was born on**~~
19 ~~**March 9, 1962, in Los Angeles, California, to John R. Hill and**~~
20 ~~**Ernestine Hill, and died on December 18, 1994; and**~~

21 ~~**WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Hill devoted his life to his**~~
22 ~~**community and was passionate about helping families and young**~~
23 ~~**people; and**~~

24 ~~**WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Hill spent the last four years of his**~~
25 ~~**life developing the Self Education Law Enforcement Family**~~
26 ~~**(S.E.L.F.) Youth Center, a nonprofit organization that provided**~~
27 ~~**classes and mentoring to African-American boys between seven**~~
28 ~~**and 17 years of age; and**~~

29 ~~**WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Hill is survived by his wife, Linda,**~~
30 ~~**and two children, Jabrael Ali and Kaylie Rose; and**~~

31 ~~**WHEREAS, In recognition of Deputy Sheriff Hill's service to**~~
32 ~~**his community in both his personal and professional lives, it would**~~
33 ~~**be fitting to designate the interchange at the junction of Interstate**~~
34 ~~**Routes 15 and 215 in the County of San Bernardino in his honor;**~~
35 ~~**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 ~~**interchange of Interstate Routes 15 and 215 in the County of San**~~
39 ~~**Bernardino as the San Bernardino County Deputy Sheriff Jeffery**~~
40 ~~**A. Hill Memorial Interchange; and be it further**~~

1 ~~Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested~~
2 ~~to determine the costs of erecting appropriate signs, consistent~~
3 ~~with the signing requirements for the state highway system,~~
4 ~~showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations~~
5 ~~from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and~~
6 ~~be it further~~

7 ~~Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies~~
8 ~~of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author~~
9 ~~for appropriate distribution.~~

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