

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 134

Introduced by Assembly Member Wilk
(Principal coauthor: Senator Pavley)

February 8, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 134—Relative to the Simi Valley Police Officer Michael Clark Memorial Overcrossing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 134, as introduced, Wilk. Simi Valley Police Officer Michael Clark Memorial Overcrossing.

This measure would designate the First Street Overcrossing of State Highway Route 118 in the City of Simi Valley as the Simi Valley Police Officer Michael Clark Memorial Overcrossing. 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 the costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Michael Clark was born in Massachusetts on
2 August 12, 1966, his family later moved to Ventura County, and
3 he was raised in Thousand Oaks, where he graduated from
4 Westlake High School in 1984; and
5 WHEREAS, Michael Clark served in the United States Marine
6 Corps from December 1984 to August 1988 as a Navy diver,
7 assigned to “A” Company 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion and
8 stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; and
9 WHEREAS, Michael Clark achieved a life long goal of
10 becoming a police officer when he joined the Los Angeles Police

1 Department in May 1989. He was assigned to the Devonshire
2 Division, where he served as a patrol officer. Officer Clark later
3 joined the Simi Valley Police Department in March 1995, where
4 he also served as a patrol officer; and

5 WHEREAS, On August 4, 1995, Officer Clark was killed in
6 the line of duty while handling a “check the welfare” call at the
7 request of the Ventura County Mental Health Department at a
8 residence in Simi Valley, where he was shot with a semi-automatic
9 handgun by the person he was attempting to assist; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Clark was known as self-motivated, a high
11 producer, a thorough investigator, and someone who could be
12 counted on to get the job done with minimal supervision, and he
13 was well-liked by his fellow officers and supervisors; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Clark was not only a devoted police officer,
15 but also a devoted husband and father, and someone who could
16 be called upon to repair or construct anything; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Clark was the first Simi Valley police
18 officer to die in the line of duty; and

19 WHEREAS, Officer Clark is survived by his wife, Jenifer, who
20 he married in 1992, and their son Bayley, who was only five
21 months old at the time of his death; and

22 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to memorialize the service and
23 sacrifice of Officer Clark by designating an overcrossing of State
24 Highway Route 118 in the City of Simi Valley in his honor; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
28 First Street Overcrossing of State Highway Route 118 in the City
29 of Simi Valley as the Simi Valley Police Officer Michael Clark
30 Memorial Overcrossing; and be it further

31 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
32 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
33 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
34 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
35 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
36 further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
- 3 for appropriate distribution.

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