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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 178

Introduced by Assembly Member Gipson

May 3, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 178—Relative to the Kevin Michael Burrell and James Wayne MacDonald Memorial Highway and the Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway: *Overcrossing*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 178, as amended, Gipson. Kevin Michael Burrell and James Wayne MacDonald Memorial Highway and the Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway: *Overcrossing*.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 710 in the County of Los Angeles as the Kevin Michael Burrell and James Wayne MacDonald Memorial Highway and would designate a specified portion of *overcrossing, which spans* State Highway Route 710 in the County of Los Angeles Angeles, as the Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway: *Overcrossing*. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the costs for appropriate signs, as specified, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Kevin Michael Burrell and James Wayne
- 2 MacDonald were police officers employed by the City of Compton,
- 3 who dedicated their lives to keeping its citizens safe; and

1 WHEREAS, Kevin Michael Burrell realized that being a police
2 officer meant more than just making arrests; he possessed a level
3 of unparalleled compassion and understanding, taking advantage
4 of every opportunity to help those less fortunate, and was lovingly
5 known as the “Gentle-Giant;” *Giant*”; and

6 WHEREAS, James Wayne MacDonald was admired by his
7 peers, had an amazing personality, and, although he was only
8 required to work two shifts-a *per* month, chose to work two shifts
9 a *per* week; and

10 WHEREAS, James Wayne MacDonald loved being a police
11 officer and Kevin Michael Burrell was his favorite partner to ride
12 with; and

13 WHEREAS, On February 22, 1993, Kevin Michael Burrell and
14 James Wayne MacDonald, ages 29 and 24, respectively, while
15 working as patrol car partners in the City of Compton, were fatally
16 shot by a violent gang member during a traffic stop at the
17 intersection of Rosecrans Avenue and Dwight Avenue; and

18 WHEREAS, Kevin Michael Burrell is survived by his son,
19 Kevin Junior, his mother, Edna, his sister, Bridget, and his brothers,
20 Biff, Kiki, Reggie, and Anthony, his father, Clark, having
21 subsequently passed away; and

22 WHEREAS, James Wayne MacDonald is survived by his
23 mother, Toni, and his brother, Jon, his father, Jim, having
24 subsequently passed away; and

25 WHEREAS, Dess K. Phipps was a police officer employed by
26 the City of Compton who dedicated his life to keeping the citizens
27 of the City of Compton safe; and

28 WHEREAS, Dess K. Phipps was born on June 17, 1925, in the
29 City of Stidham in the County of McIntosh, Oklahoma, and grew
30 up on a working farm in the City of Yuma, Arizona; and

31 WHEREAS, Dess K. Phipps was a member of the United States
32 Navy from June 16, ~~1934~~, 1943, to December 29, 1944, and was
33 a veteran of World War II; and

34 WHEREAS, At the age of 37, Dess K. Phipps was killed in the
35 line of duty during a high speed vehicle pursuit of a criminal on
36 October 12, 1962; and

37 WHEREAS, Dess K. Phipps is survived by his brother, Williams
38 Ross Phipps, and was succeeded in death by his loving wife,
39 Pauline Verna Winder Phipps (2012), his parents Marion (1975)

1 and Margaret Phipps (1994), and his other brother, Perry Lee
2 Phipps (1998); now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates that
5 portion of State Highway Route 710 from State Highway Route
6 91 approximately at post mile 12.97 to Alondra Boulevard
7 approximately at post mile 13.94 in the County of Los Angeles as
8 the Kevin Michael Burrell and James Wayne MacDonald Memorial
9 Highway; and be it further

10 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby designates ~~that portion~~
11 ~~of State Highway Route 710 from~~ *overcrossing number 53-822,*
12 *which spans State Highway Route 710 at Alondra Boulevard*
13 *approximately at post mile 13.945 to Rosecrans Avenue*
14 *approximately at post mile 14.96 in the County of Los Angeles*
15 *Angeles, as the Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway; Overcrossing;*
16 and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
18 to determine the costs of erecting appropriate signs, which would
19 include these special designations, consistent with the signing
20 requirements for the state highway system, and, upon receiving
21 donations from nonstate sources covering the costs, to erect those
22 signs; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
24 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
25 for appropriate distribution.