

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 21, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 20

Introduced by Senator Galgiani

(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Bates, Block, Hall, Hertzberg, Leno, Monning, Roth, and Vidak)

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February 23, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20—Relative to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 20, as amended, Galgiani. California Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

This measure would designate Monday, May 4, 2015, as California Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and would urge all Californians to honor those individuals who have given their lives for our safety and express appreciation to those who continue to dedicate themselves to making California a safer place in which to live and raise our families.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Monday, May 4, 2015, is California Peace Officers'
- 2 Memorial Day, a day Californians observe in commemoration of
- 3 those noble officers who have tragically sacrificed their lives in
- 4 the line of duty; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Although California citizens are indebted to our
- 6 California peace officers each day of the week, we make particular
- 7 note of their bravery and dedication and we share in their losses
- 8 on California Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

1 WHEREAS, California peace officers have a job *that is* second
2 in importance to none, and it is a job that is as difficult and
3 dangerous as it is important; and

4 WHEREAS, The peace officers of California have worked
5 dutifully and selflessly on behalf of the people of this great state,
6 regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

7 WHEREAS, By the enforcement of our laws, these same officers
8 have safeguarded the lives and property of the citizens of California
9 and have given their full measure to ensure these citizens the right
10 to be free from crime and violence; and

11 WHEREAS, Special ceremonies and observations on behalf of
12 California peace officers provide all Californians with the
13 opportunity to appreciate the heroic men and women who have
14 dedicated their lives to preserving public safety; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
17 *thereof concurring*, That California's peace officers who were
18 killed in defense of their communities in 2014 be recognized:

19 Detective Sergeant Tom A. Smith, Jr., BART Police Department,
20 End of Watch: January 21, 2014.

21 Officer Juan J. Gonzalez, CHP – Fresno Area Office, End of
22 Watch: February 17, 2014.

23 Officer Brian M. Law, CHP – Fresno Area Office, End of Watch:
24 February 17, 2014.

25 Officer Nicholas C. Lee, Los Angeles Police Department, End
26 of Watch: March 7, 2014.

27 Deputy Ricky P. Del Fiorentino, Mendocino County Sheriff's
28 Office, End of Watch: March 19, 2014.

29 Officer Christopher A. Cortijo, Los Angeles Police Department,
30 End of Watch: April 9, 2014.

31 Officer Roberto C. Sanchez, Los Angeles Police Department,
32 End of Watch: May 3, 2014.

33 Officer Scott M. Hewell, Stockton Police Department, End of
34 Watch: June 11, 2014.

35 Officer Jordan J. Corder, Covina Police Department, End of
36 Watch: September 30, 2014.

37 Deputy Danny P. Oliver, Sacramento County Sheriff's
38 Department, End of Watch: October 24, 2014.

39 Detective Michael D. Davis, Jr., Placer County Sheriff's Office,
40 End of Watch: October 24, 2014.

1 Detective Yevhen “Eugene” Kostiuhenko, Ventura County
2 Sheriff’s Office, End of Watch: October 28, 2014.

3 Officer Shaun R. Diamond, Pomona Police Department, End of
4 Watch: October 29, 2014; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That California’s peace officers who were killed in
6 defense of their communities in prior years, but not yet enrolled,
7 also be recognized:

8 Officer Arthur W. Moyle, South San Francisco Police
9 Department, End of Watch: May 4, 1953.

10 Officer Clarence A. Bower, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s
11 Department, End of Watch: December 5, 1944.

12 Officer Robert B. Ross, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s
13 Department, End of Watch: September 24, 1921.

14 Officer Fran Toal, Vallejo Police Department, End of Watch:
15 September 2, 1896.

16 Deputy George W. Gillis, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s
17 Department: End of Watch, January 12, 1881; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the California Legislature designates Monday,
19 May 4, 2015, as California Peace Officers’ Memorial Day, and
20 urges all Californians to remember those individuals who have
21 given their lives for our safety and express appreciation to those
22 who continue to dedicate themselves to making California a safer
23 place in which to live and raise our families; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
25 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.