

Introduced by Senator Huff
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Kim)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28—Relative to the Fullerton Police Detective Tommy De La Rosa Memorial Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 28, as introduced, Huff. Fullerton Police Detective Tommy De La Rosa: Memorial Interchange.

This measure would designate the northbound and southbound lanes of State Highway Route 5 at the State Highway Route 91 interchange in the City of Fullerton as the “Fullerton Police Detective Tommy De La Rosa Memorial Interchange.” The measure would also 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.

- 1 WHEREAS, Fullerton Police Detective Tommy De La Rosa,
- 2 at the age of 43, paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Detective De La Rosa was born on May 12, 1947,
- 4 and served his country during the Vietnam War while in the Marine
- 5 Corps. Detective De La Rosa joined the Fullerton Police
- 6 Department on September 26, 1980; and
- 7 WHEREAS, While off-duty, Detective De La Rosa liked to
- 8 speak with children from neighborhoods heavy with drugs, gangs,
- 9 and prostitution and urge them to be good and stay in school; and
- 10 WHEREAS, On June 21, 1990, Detective De La Rosa was
- 11 ambushed and shot five times during an undercover reverse sting

1 narcotics operation, but, although gravely injured, was still able
2 to return fire and fatally wound one of the suspects before
3 succumbing to his injuries. Three other suspects were convicted
4 of Detective De La Rosa’s murder and were sentenced to life
5 without parole; and

6 WHEREAS, Detective De La Rosa is survived by his wife and
7 four children. The most important thing in Detective De La Rosa’s
8 life was his family; and

9 WHEREAS, Detective De La Rosa provided the public with
10 exemplary service and dedication to his job throughout his
11 nine-year career with the Fullerton Police Department; and

12 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to memorialize the service and
13 sacrifice of Detective De La Rosa, by designating a portion of
14 State Highway Route 5 in the City of Fullerton in his honor; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
18 northbound and southbound lanes of State Highway Route 5 at the
19 State Highway Route 91 interchange in the City of Fullerton as
20 the “Fullerton Police Detective Tommy De La Rosa Memorial
21 Interchange”; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
23 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
24 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
25 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
26 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
27 further

28 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
29 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
30 for appropriate distribution.

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