

Introduced by Senator Mendoza

February 18, 2016

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111—Relative to the Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 111, as introduced, Mendoza. Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of Interstate 5 in the City of Downey in Los Angeles County as the Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs, as specified, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, City of Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez
- 2 was born on April 2, 1986, to Margarita Galvez in the City of Los
- 3 Angeles; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ricardo was raised in the Cities of Los Angeles
- 5 and Bell Gardens, California, where he attended elementary school
- 6 and high school; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Ricardo began his law enforcement career in 2006
- 8 when he was hired by the Downey Police Department as a police
- 9 aide; and
- 10 WHEREAS, In 2008, Ricardo enlisted in the United States
- 11 Marine Corps Reserve and was stationed out of the Cities of Pico
- 12 Rivera and Los Alamitos; and

1 WHEREAS, Ricardo served as a Marine Corps Reservist for
2 approximately six years, during which time he was deployed
3 overseas as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Afghanistan and
4 Iraq; and

5 WHEREAS, Ricardo was hired by the Downey Police
6 Department as a police cadet in March 2010, graduated from the
7 Orange County Sheriff's Academy in September 2010, and began
8 his career as a Downey Police Officer when he was sworn in on
9 September 2, 2010; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the next five years, Ricardo worked patrol,
11 establishing himself as a competent and compassionate police
12 officer, and strove to be a K-9 officer, volunteering to become an
13 "agitator" to better prepare himself for the position; and

14 WHEREAS, On November 18, 2015, after finishing a training
15 session with the department's K-9 team, Ricardo returned to the
16 station to complete his shift and, while he was seated in his vehicle
17 adjacent to the police station, two individuals approached his car
18 on foot and the individual on the driver's side of the vehicle fired
19 one round from a handgun into Ricardo's vehicle, striking and
20 killing him; and

21 WHEREAS, Ricardo is survived by his mother, Margarita
22 Galvez, his sisters, Sandra and Nancy, and his brother, Peter; and

23 WHEREAS, Ricardo's compassion and willingness to help
24 others was always on display, and he routinely volunteered his
25 time to coach kids from his home neighborhood in Boyle Heights
26 at "State Park"; and

27 WHEREAS, That willingness to help was evident when Ricardo,
28 after stopping an elderly female for having expired registration
29 and discovering that she had recently lost her husband and did not
30 have the money to register her vehicle, decided to let her go with
31 a warning and then paid her registration himself; and

32 WHEREAS, Ricardo was an avid runner and fitness fanatic who
33 could often be seen training for the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup
34 Relay, which is often referred to as the ultimate foot pursuit, and
35 is a difficult 20 stage, 120-mile relay race that starts in Baker,
36 California, and ends in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

37 WHEREAS, Ricardo was not only a valued member of his Baker
38 to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay team, but was also instrumental in
39 organizing the Downey Police squad for the event; and

1 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to memorialize Ricardo's sacrifice
2 by naming the portion of Interstate 5 in the City of Downey in Los
3 Angeles County as the Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez
4 Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
7 portion of Interstate 5 in the City of Downey in Los Angeles
8 County as the Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez Memorial
9 Highway; and be it further

10 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
11 to determine the costs of erecting appropriate signs, which shall
12 include this special designation and the badge and patch of the
13 Downey Police Department, consistent with the signing
14 requirements for the state highway system, and, upon receiving
15 donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those
16 signs; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
18 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
19 for appropriate distribution.