

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 10, 2016

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 111**

**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 amended, Mendoza. Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of Interstate 5 *between specified bridges* in the City of Downey in *the County of 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 *designation* 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

1 WHEREAS, In 2008, Ricardo enlisted in the United States  
2 Marine Corps Reserve and was stationed out of the Cities of Pico  
3 Rivera and Los Alamitos; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
10 portion of Interstate 5 *between the San Gabriel River Bridge*  
11 *(bridge number 53-213) at post mile 7.06 and the Rio Hondo River*  
12 *Bridge (bridge number 53-639) at post mile 9.46* in the City of  
13 Downey in *the County of Los Angeles-County* as the Downey  
14 Police Officer Ricardo Galvez Memorial Highway; and be it further

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

22 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
23 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
24 for appropriate distribution.