

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 95

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 111, 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 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.

WHEREAS, City of Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez was born on April 2, 1986, to Margarita Galvez in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Ricardo was raised in the Cities of Los Angeles and Bell Gardens, California, where he attended elementary school and high school; and

WHEREAS, Ricardo began his law enforcement career in 2006 when he was hired by the Downey Police Department as a police aide; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, On November 18, 2015, after finishing a training session with the department's K-9 team, Ricardo returned to the station to complete his shift and, while he was seated in his vehicle adjacent to the police station, two individuals approached his car on foot and the individual on the driver's

side of the vehicle fired one round from a handgun into Ricardo's vehicle, striking and killing him; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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