

Introduced by Senator Gaines

June 13, 2016

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 152—Relative to the Deputy Sheriff Danny P. Oliver Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 152, as introduced, Gaines. Deputy Sheriff Danny P. Oliver Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 50 in El Dorado County as the Deputy Sheriff Danny P. Oliver Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of 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, Danny P. Oliver grew up in the Del Paso Heights
2 neighborhood of Sacramento and graduated from Grant High
3 School. Growing up in that “tough part” of town “allowed him to
4 understand people” and gave him a street sense that served him
5 well as a sheriff’s deputy, according to his wife, Susan Oliver.
6 While Danny Oliver’s father was a firefighter and would have
7 enjoyed having his son seek the same professional path, Danny
8 instead gravitated toward a career in law enforcement. He attended
9 the sheriff’s academy and finished at the top of his class
10 academically while his wife worked two jobs to support his training
11 and their family; and

12 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Oliver joined the Sacramento
13 County Sheriff’s Department in 1999 and worked the graveyard

1 shift for a decade. Deputy Sheriff Oliver was a dedicated street
2 cop who always showed up for work an hour early and went after
3 the worst criminals on his beat; and

4 WHEREAS, Though he loved catching the “bad guys,” Deputy
5 Sheriff Oliver also had a soft side. He once arrested a woman on
6 a drug charge who was with her daughter. She appeared stable, so
7 he uncuffed the suspect and let her sit with her young daughter.
8 As he left them, the suspect’s daughter called Deputy Sheriff Oliver
9 a teddy bear—a term that became his nickname in the department;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Oliver was also dedicated to his
12 family. He helped his daughters with their schoolwork and did
13 CrossFit exercises with them, but he never felt that they had to be
14 like him. During his last conversation with his wife, he told Susan
15 that he had finished making her a chicken coop in their yard; and

16 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Oliver also had a soft heart and
17 enjoyed connecting with the Sacramento County community he
18 was charged with protecting, answering emails from concerned
19 citizens, and never declining to attend a neighborhood meeting;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Oliver, at 47 years of age, was shot
22 and killed on October 24, 2014, in the parking lot of a Motel 6 on
23 Arden Way in Sacramento County as he and Detective Michael
24 Davis were investigating a suspicious vehicle. A male occupant
25 of the vehicle had opened fire on the deputies with a 9mm handgun,
26 striking Deputy Sheriff Oliver in the forehead. The man and a
27 female occupant then fled in the vehicle as his partner returned
28 fire. A short distance away the male shot a civilian when the couple
29 attempted to carjack the man’s pickup truck. The couple then
30 carjacked two other vehicles as they continued fleeing the area.
31 The man suspected of killing Deputy Sheriff Oliver, Luis Enrique
32 Monroy-Bracamonte, is also accused in the shooting death of
33 Placer County Sheriff’s Detective Michael David Davis, Jr. that
34 same day in the City of Auburn; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
37 portion of United States Highway Route 50 in El Dorado County
38 from Cambridge Road Over Crossing 2583 (PM 4.962) to Cameron
39 Park Drive Under Crossing 25-84 (PM 6.570) as the Deputy Sheriff
40 Danny P. Oliver Memorial Highway; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
2 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
3 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
4 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
5 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
6 further

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

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