

**Assembly Joint Resolution No. 33**

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Adopted in Assembly June 22, 1995

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Adopted in Senate July 15, 1995

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This resolution was received by the Secretary of  
State this\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1995,  
at \_\_\_o'clock \_\_M.

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*Deputy Secretary of State*

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## RESOLUTION CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 33—Relative to renaming Fredonyer Mountain and Fredonyer Pass.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 33, Richter. Fredonyer Mountain and Fredonyer Pass.

This measure would memorialize the United States Board on Geographic Names, United States Geological Survey, to rename Fredonyer Mountain and Fredonyer Pass to Griffith Mountain and Griffith Pass in honor of Deputy Sheriff Larry Griffith.

WHEREAS, Fredonyer Mountain and Fredonyer Pass are located 15 miles west of Susanville in the Lassen National Forest, and are named after an early resident of the area, Atlas Fredonyer, who is credited with discovery of the pass in 1850; and

WHEREAS, In May 1862, Atlas Fredonyer was tried and convicted in Quincy for incestuous and criminal assault upon his 15-year old daughter Sally for which crime he was incarcerated in the State Prison at San Quentin; and

WHEREAS, Naming the mountain and pass after Atlas Fredonyer, given his crimes and subsequent conviction, seems improper, unacceptable, and undeserving to the residents of Lassen County and the state; and

WHEREAS, On March 2, 1995, Lassen County Deputy Sheriff Larry Griffith became the first peace officer in the county to be killed in the line of duty in the last 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Griffith was responding to a domestic dispute that day when he was mortally wounded while providing cover for fellow officers at the scene, which action saved the lives of two officers; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of*



California respectfully memorializes the United States Board on Geographic Names, United States Geological Survey, to rename Fredonyer Mountain and Fredonyer Pass to Griffith Mountain and Griffith Pass in honor and recognition of the sacrifice made by Deputy Sheriff Larry Griffith on behalf of the residents of Lassen County; and be it further

*Resolved*, That upon renaming the mountain and pass, a memorial plaque be erected, in a suitable location on the pass, to memorialize Deputy Sheriff Griffith and the courageous event that led to renaming the sites after him, and be it further

*Resolved*, That the design, construction, and erection of the plaque be a cooperative effort of the federal government and the residents of the community; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Secretary of Interior, to the Director of the United States Geological Survey, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.



Attest:

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*Secretary of State*

