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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 80

Introduced by Senator Monteith
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cardoza and House)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to the *CHP Officer Alfred R. Turner Memorial Highway*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 80, as amended, Monteith. *CHP Officer Alfred R. Turner Memorial Highway*.

This measure would designate the 11.3-mile stretch of Interstate Highway Route 5 between State Highway Route 152 and State Highway Route 165 the *CHP Officer Alfred R. Turner Memorial Highway*.

The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing the special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Alfred R. Turner was born in a little log
2 and rock house in rural Chester, Arkansas, on February
3 9, 1940, the fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Turner;
4 and
5 WHEREAS, Alfred R. Turner moved to Susanville,
6 California, on May 14, 1944, and remained in northern

1 California until joining the United States Navy at 17 years
2 of age; and

3 WHEREAS, Seven years after joining the Department
4 of the California Highway Patrol, on December 16, 1975,
5 California Highway Patrol Officer Alfred R. Turner was
6 shot and killed by a motorist on Interstate Highway Route
7 5 near Los Banos, after stopping the vehicle because of a
8 burned-out headlight; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Turner was unaware that the car
10 he stopped had just been stolen in San Leandro, and when
11 the officer stepped out of his patrol car, the motorist
12 exited his vehicle, and, as the two men began walking
13 toward each other, the motorist suddenly pulled a .357
14 magnum revolver and opened fire; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Turner was hit with three bullets,
16 but returned fire and hit his assailant with five shots; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Turner, although critically
18 wounded, managed to return to his patrol car and radio
19 for help; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Turner, age 35, succumbed to his
21 wounds and died 12 days later; and

22 WHEREAS, This tragic incident continues to live in the
23 memory of the law enforcement community and local
24 residents of the entire West side of Merced County; and

25 WHEREAS, As a result of his dedication to his duties,
26 Officer Turner made the ultimate sacrifice in protection
27 of the citizens of our state; and

28 WHEREAS, The memory of California Highway Patrol
29 Officer Alfred R. Turner continues to be exemplary for
30 current peace officers throughout the state; and

31 WHEREAS, All California Highway Patrol officers and
32 other peace officers continue to perform their duties
33 without regard for personal safety; and

34 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that a portion of
35 Interstate Highway Route 5 be dedicated to the memory
36 of California Highway Patrol Officer Alfred R. Turner
37 who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the people
38 of California; now, therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the*
40 *Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature*



1 hereby designates the 11.3-mile stretch of Interstate
2 Highway Route 5 between State Highway Route 152 and
3 State Highway Route 165 the *CHP Officer* Alfred R.
4 Turner Memorial Highway; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is
6 requested to determine the cost of erecting appropriate
7 plaques and markers, consistent with the signing
8 requirements for the state highway system, showing the
9 special designation, and upon receiving donations from
10 nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques
11 and markers; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit
13 copies of this resolution to the Department of
14 Transportation and to the author for appropriate
15 distribution.

