

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 97

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 158

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 97—Relative to the Officer Dave Chetcuti Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 97, Kopp. Officer Dave Chetcuti Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 101 that extends from the San Francisco International Airport to the Broadway-Burlingame exit as the Officer Dave Chetcuti Memorial Highway.

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

WHEREAS, David John Chetcuti was born to John and Lily Chetcuti in San Francisco on March 5, 1955, the youngest of seven children, graduated from Capuchino High School in San Bruno, and, in November 1983, joined the Millbrae Police Department as a Reserve Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Dave Chetcuti was hired in April 1987 as a Deputy Sheriff with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department and, in December 1987, shortly after graduating from Alameda County's 91st Basic Academy, accepted a position with the Millbrae Police Department; and

WHEREAS, During a distinguished 11-year career in the Millbrae Police Department, Officer Dave Chetcuti consistently performed as an outstanding officer and leader, with assignments as a patrol officer, field training officer and, most recently, traffic officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Chetcuti was the first officer from the Millbrae Police Department to receive recognition for the highest number of drunk driving arrests during the "Avoid the 23" Campaign and, in 1995, he received the department's Lifesaving Award for initiating cardiopulmonary resuscitation on a heart attack victim; and

WHEREAS, Officer Chetcuti earned more than 33 written commendations and was named in countless news stories describing his arrests, investigations, and extraordinary achievements, and his personnel file contained numerous congratulations, testimonials, and expressions of appreciation and gratitude from members of the



public and organizations who benefited from his abiding commitment to duty and service; and

WHEREAS, On April 25, 1998, Officer Dave Chetcuti was the first to respond to a call for aid from a fellow officer involved in a traffic stop and shooting on State Highway Route 101 in the vicinity of the Millbrae Avenue off ramp, and as Officer Chetcuti arrived on his motorcycle and approached the suspected vehicle and driver, shots were fired, striking Officer Chetcuti and fatally wounding him, but not before he was able to return fire at the suspect; and

WHEREAS, Officer Dave Chetcuti was the first police officer killed in San Mateo County in the last decade and the first officer of the Millbrae Police Department slain in the department's 50-year history; and

WHEREAS, Officer Dave Chetcuti, survived by his wife, Gail, and three sons, David Jr., John, and Rick, was a loving husband and devoted father; and

WHEREAS, Officer Chetcuti was active in the Millbrae Police Officers' Association, previously serving as that organization's president, was a member of the Peninsula Peace Officers' Association, and was a consummate professional and a deeply respected police officer; and

WHEREAS, As a result of his dedication to his duties, Officer Chetcuti lost his life while protecting the citizens of Millbrae and this state, and the memory of Officer Chetcuti continues to exemplify for other peace officers throughout the state the highest standard of duty and selflessness; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that a portion of State Highway Route 101 be dedicated to the memory of Officer Dave Chetcuti; 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 State Highway Route 101 that extends from the San Francisco International Airport to and including the Broadway-Burlingame exit as the Officer Dave Chetcuti Memorial Highway; and be it further

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

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.

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