

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 2, 1999

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 84

Introduced by Assembly Member Reyes

August 24, 1999

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 84—Relative to the Officer James Rapozo Memorial Freeway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 84, as amended, Reyes. Officer James Rapozo Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 98—198 that is between the intersection with State Highway Route 99 and State Highway Route 245 as the Officer James Rapozo Memorial Freeway.

The 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.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Officer James Rapozo, a dedicated law
2 enforcement officer of the Visalia Police Department,
3 died in the line of duty at the age of 33, during a police raid
4 of an apartment on January 9, 1998; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Rapozo, a devoted husband and
2 father, was born on June 14, 1964, in Hanford, California,
3 to Alfred and Aldine Rapozo; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Rapozo graduated from Hanford
5 Joint Union High School, graduating in 1982, and then
6 went on to attend California State University at Fresno,
7 from which he graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of
8 Science degree in Criminology and Law Enforcement;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In 1986, while attending CSU Fresno,
11 Officer Rapozo graduated from the Tulare/Kings County
12 Police Academy; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1989, Officer Rapozo married the
14 former Merrilly Johnson in Hanford, California; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Rapozo began his career in law
16 enforcement with the Hanford Police Department, and
17 then moved on to the Kings County Sheriff's Department
18 and the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the California
19 Department of Justice; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1992, Officer Rapozo went to work for
21 the Visalia Police Department, where he was a member
22 of the Basic Car Team, the SWAT team, the Field
23 Training Unit, and the Patrol Planning Council; and

24 WHEREAS, Officer James J. Rapozo is survived by his
25 wife, a son, Max Rapozo, a daughter, Megan Rapozo, and
26 his mother, Aldine Rapozo, all of Visalia, California; a
27 brother, Alfred Rapozo, Jr., of Clovis, California; and two
28 sisters, Kathleen Pearce, of Salinas, California, and Patti
29 Rapozo, of Boston, Massachusetts; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
31 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the portion of State
32 Highway Route 98 198 that is between the intersection
33 with State Highway Route 99 and State Highway Route
34 245 is hereby officially designated the Officer James
35 Rapozo Memorial Freeway; and be it further

36 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is
37 requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques
38 and markers, consistent with the signing requirements
39 for the state highway system, showing the special
40 designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate



1 sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and
2 markers; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
4 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of
5 Transportation.

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