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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 84

Introduced by Assembly Member Reyes

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Ackerman, Alquist, Aroner, Ashburn, Baldwin, Bates, Battin, Baugh, Bock, Brewer, Briggs, Calderon, Campbell, Cardenas, Cardoza, Cedillo, Corbett, Correa, Cox, Cunneen, Davis, Dickerson, Ducheny, Dutra, Firebaugh, Florez, Floyd, Frusetta, Gallegos, Granlund, Havice, Hertzberg, Honda, House, Jackson, Keeley, Knox, Kuehl, Leach, Lempert, Leonard, Longville, Lowenthal, Machado, Maddox, Maldonado, Margett, Mazzone, McClintock, Migden, Nakano, Olberg, Oller, Robert Pacheco, Rod Pacheco, Papan, Pescetti, Romero, Runner, Scott, Shelley, Soto, Steinberg, Strickland, Strom-Martin, Thomson, Torlakson, Villaraigosa, Vincent, Washington, Wayne, Wesson, Wiggins, Wildman, and Zettel)

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 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

5 WHEREAS, Officer Rapozo, a devoted husband and
6 father, was born on June 14, 1964, in Hanford, California,
7 to Alfred and Aldine Rapozo; and

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

14 WHEREAS, In 1986, while attending CSU Fresno,
15 Officer Rapozo graduated from the Tulare/Kings County
16 Police Academy; and

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

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

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

28 WHEREAS, Officer James J. Rapozo is survived by his
29 wife, a son, Max Rapozo, a daughter, Megan Rapozo, and



1 his mother, Aldine Rapozo, all of Visalia, California; a
2 brother, Alfred Rapozo, Jr., of Clovis, California; and two
3 sisters, Kathleen Pearce, of Salinas, California, and Patti
4 Rapozo, of Boston, Massachusetts; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
6 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the portion of State
7 Highway Route 198 that is between the intersection with
8 State Highway Route 99 and State Highway Route 245 is
9 hereby officially designated the Officer James Rapozo
10 Memorial Freeway; and be it further

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

18 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
19 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of
20 Transportation.

