

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 84

Adopted in Assembly September 3, 1999

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Adopted in Senate September 9, 1999

Secretary of the Senate

This resolution was received by the Secretary of
State this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Deputy Secretary of State



RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 84, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Officer Rapozo began his career in law enforcement with the Hanford Police Department, and



then moved on to the Kings County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the California Department of Justice; and

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

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

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the portion of State Highway Route 198 that is between the intersection with State Highway Route 99 and State Highway Route 245 is hereby officially designated the Officer James Rapozo Memorial Freeway; 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 Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.



Attest:

Secretary of State

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