

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 110**

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Adopted in Assembly April 24, 2000

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Adopted in Senate July 6, 2000

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This resolution was received by the Secretary of  
State this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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*Deputy Secretary of State*

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## RESOLUTION CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 110—Relative to the CHP Officer Reuben F. Rios, Sr., Memorial Freeway.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 110, Leonard. CHP Officer Reuben F. Rios, Sr., Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate a prescribed segment of the northbound and southbound portions of Interstate Highway Route 15 as the "CHP Officer Reuben F. Rios, Sr., Memorial Freeway." The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers designating that specified portion of Interstate Highway Route 15 and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officer Reuben F. Rios, Sr., made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and serving the people of California on October 26, 1996; and

WHEREAS, While Officer Rios was directing traffic departing the Blockbuster Pavillion, a concert venue in Glen Helen by Interstate Highway Route 15, an intoxicated motorist accelerated for a lane change and struck Officer Rios; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rios was thrown onto the hood of the vehicle, then into the windshield, and fell to the pavement with major head trauma and internal injuries; and

WHEREAS, Fellow officers immediately rushed to Officer Rios' aid and he was transported by ambulance to the hospital, but was pronounced dead upon his arrival; and

WHEREAS, The person responsible for Officer Rios' death, was arrested, sentenced, and convicted of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence supported by previous drunk driving convictions; and



WHEREAS, Officer Rios was born and raised in San Bernardino County, California, on December 7, 1942; graduated from San Bernardino High School in 1961; served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966; and married his wife, Irene, in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Reuben F. Rios, Sr., at the age of 31 years, entered the California Highway Patrol Academy in 1974, and after graduation was assigned to the San Bernardino Area command, where he served his entire career; and

WHEREAS, Officer Reuben F. Rios, Sr., after 22 years of service to the San Bernardino area, had been named Officer of the Year in 1996, and honored by the Latino Peace Officers Association, the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce, the VFW, and others; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rios was active in his community, including outstanding service as a member of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers), and the Bloomington Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rios leaves behind his wife of 26 years; a daughter, Gina; a son, Reuben, Jr. (who graduated from the CHP Academy in April 1998, and is currently assigned to the Baldwin Park area); three grandchildren; a brother, Richard; and a sister, Stella; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rios was known for his dedication to the citizens of the State of California and to the Department of the California Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the northbound and southbound portions of Interstate Highway Route 15, between Kenwood Avenue and Sierra Avenue, in the County of San Bernardino, be dedicated to the memory of this fine officer who made the ultimate sacrifice in his service to the people of the State of California; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby dedicates the northbound and southbound portions of Interstate Highway Route 15, between Kenwood Avenue and Sierra Avenue, San Bernardino County, California to the memory of California Highway Patrol Officer Reuben F. Rios, Sr.; and be it further



*Resolved,* That that portion of Interstate Highway Route 15 be officially designated the “CHP Officer Reuben F. Rios, Sr., 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 this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.



Attest:

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*Secretary of State*

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