
Introduced by Senator Johnston

June 8, 1999

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38—Relative to the Rick Charles Cromwell Memorial Freeway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 38, as introduced, Johnston. City of Lodi Motorcycle Police Officer Rick Cromwell.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 12 between Lower Sacramento Road and the Lodi City limits at State Highway Route 99 the 'Officer Rick Charles Cromwell Memorial Freeway.'

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

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, City of Lodi Motorcycle Police Officer
2 Rick Charles Cromwell died in the line of duty at the age
3 of 35 years while performing traffic enforcement on State
4 Highway Route 12 in Lodi on December 9, 1998; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Cromwell was involved in a traffic
6 accident when his motorcycle collided with another
7 vehicle; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Cromwell sustained fatal injuries
9 as a result of that collision; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Cromwell was born in Lodi,
2 attended local schools and graduated from the Lodi
3 Academy in 1981, and earned a Bachelor of Science
4 Degree in Computer Technology from DeVry School of
5 Industry in Arizona; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Cromwell, after completing
7 training at the San Joaquin Delta Police Academy, was
8 hired by the City of Lodi in August of 1988; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Cromwell was a court-certified
10 expert in the field of collision reconstruction who was
11 frequently called upon to consult on all serious collisions
12 in Lodi and for other police agencies; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Cromwell was a critical member of
14 the police department's Major Accident Investigation
15 Team and was considered to have a special talent in that
16 area; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Cromwell was an expert
18 motorcycle rider and a state-certified instructor who
19 taught riding skills to other officers and was the lead
20 officer in charge of the maintenance of the entire fleet of
21 police motorcycles; and

22 WHEREAS, Officer Cromwell is survived by his wife,
23 Cindy; his daughters, Ashleigh and Lindsey; his parents,
24 Mary and Chuck Cromwell; his sister, Brenda Papais, and
25 her son, Nathan; his grandmothers, Elda Cromwell and
26 Elizabeth Little; and his in-laws, Emma and Al Berg; and

27 WHEREAS, Officer Cromwell was a respected
28 member of the City of Lodi Police Department and was
29 dedicated to the protection of the citizens of Lodi; and

30 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the portion of State
31 Highway Route 12 between Lower Sacramento Road and
32 the Lodi City limits at State Highway Route 99 be
33 dedicated to the memory of this officer who made the
34 ultimate sacrifice in the service of the people of this state;
35 now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved, by the Senate of the State of California, the*
37 *Assembly thereof concurring, That this portion of State*
38 *Highway Route 12 between Lower Sacramento Road and*
39 *the Lodi City limits at State Highway Route 99 be*



1 designated the ‘Officer Rick Charles Cromwell Memorial
2 Freeway’; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is
4 requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques
5 and markers, consistent with the signing requirements
6 for the state highway system, showing that special
7 designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
8 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques
9 and markers; and be it further

10 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit
11 copies of this resolution to the Department of
12 Transportation and to the author for appropriate
13 distribution.

