

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 128

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 38, Johnston. City of Lodi Motorcycle Police Officer Rick Charles 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Officer Cromwell was an expert motorcycle rider and a state-certified instructor who taught riding skills to other officers



and was the lead officer in charge of the maintenance of the entire fleet of police motorcycles; and

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

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

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

Resolved, by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That this portion of State Highway Route 12 between Lower Sacramento Road and the Lodi City limits at State Highway Route 99 be designated the “Officer Rick Charles Cromwell 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 that 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 Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.

