

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 103

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Perez

January 7, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 103—Relative to the Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff Juan Abel Escalante Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 103, as introduced, John A. Perez. Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff Juan Abel Escalante Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified location on State Highway Route 101 in Los Angeles County as the Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff Juan Abel Escalante Memorial Highway. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Of all the promises the United States offers, none
- 2 is more precious or elusive than the right to be free from crime
- 3 and violence; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have the
- 5 unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety, which is as
- 6 difficult and dangerous as it is important; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Californians are indebted every day to our peace
- 8 officers; and

1 WHEREAS, We pay special tribute to peace officers' bravery
2 and dedication, and share in their pain, when one of their members
3 is killed in the line of duty; and

4 WHEREAS, Juan Abel Escalante faithfully served the Los
5 Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the residents of Los
6 Angeles County as a deputy assigned to the Custody Division; and

7 WHEREAS, Deputy Escalante was a United States Army
8 Reservist awarded the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service
9 Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism
10 Service Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal; and

11 WHEREAS, Deputy Escalante is remembered as a passionate,
12 loving husband to his wife, Celeste, a loving son to his parents,
13 Anna and Cesar Powell, a caring father to his children Alexander,
14 Julian and Marisa, and a thoughtful sibling to his brothers, Edgar
15 and Cesar; and

16 WHEREAS, Deputy Escalante committed his life to his family
17 and friends, and his career to Los Angeles County and the safety
18 of its residents; and

19 WHEREAS, Deputy Escalante was loved by his friends and
20 co-workers, and had earned a reputation of caring deeply for his
21 partners and for being firm yet fair with inmates; and

22 WHEREAS, Deputy Escalante was killed in the line of duty
23 outside his home in the City of Los Angeles on August 2, 2008;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, In recognition of the hazardous work and serious
26 responsibility Deputy Escalante willingly accepted, and the strong
27 commitment he demonstrated, during his 2 1/2 years as a law
28 enforcement officer, and his contributions and sacrifice in serving
29 and protecting the residents of Los Angeles County, it would be
30 a fitting tribute to designate a portion of State Highway Route 101,
31 in Los Angeles County, as the Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff
32 Juan Abel Escalante Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
35 southbound and northbound on ramps and off ramps of North
36 Vignes Avenue on State Highway Route 101 in Los Angeles
37 County as the Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy Juan Abel
38 Escalante Memorial Highway; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
40 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the

1 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
2 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
3 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
4 further

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

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