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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 103**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Perez**

January 7, 2010

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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 amended, John A. Perez. Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff Juan Abel Escalante Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified ~~location on~~ *portion of* 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

1 WHEREAS, Californians are indebted every day to our peace  
2 officers; and

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

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Deputy Escalante was loved by his friends and  
22 coworkers, and had earned a reputation of caring deeply for his  
23 partners and for being firm yet fair with inmates; and

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

27 WHEREAS, In recognition of the hazardous work and serious  
28 responsibility Deputy Escalante willingly accepted, and the strong  
29 commitment he demonstrated, during his 2 ½ years as a law  
30 enforcement officer, and his contributions and sacrifice in serving  
31 and protecting the residents of Los Angeles County, it would be  
32 a fitting tribute to designate a portion of State Highway Route 101,  
33 in Los Angeles County, as the Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff  
34 Juan Abel Escalante Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
36 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the  
37 portion of State Highway Route 101 from North Mission Road to  
38 North Alameda Street, including the on-ramps ramp and off-ramps  
39 ramp of North Vignes Street, in Los Angeles County as the Los

1 Angeles County Sheriff Deputy Juan Abel Escalante Memorial  
2 Highway; and be it further

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

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

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