

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 127

Introduced by Assembly Member Adams

February 16, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 127—Relative to the CHP Officer Larry Lynn Wetterling and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Lieutenant Alfred E. Stewart Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 127, as introduced, Adams. CHP Officer Larry Lynn Wetterling and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Lieutenant Alfred E. Stewart Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the segment of State Highway Route 15 between its junction with State Highway Route 215 and Oak Hill Road, in the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, as the CHP Officer Larry Lynn Wetterling and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Lieutenant Alfred E. Stewart Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, On March 9, 1973, California Highway Patrol
2 (CHP) Officer Larry Lynn Wetterling and San Bernardino County
3 Sheriff's Lieutenant Alfred E. Stewart were killed in the line of
4 duty; and

5 WHEREAS, On that date, CHP Officer Wetterling stopped to
6 assist a driver along the southbound side of State Highway Route

1 15. The driver, who was a recently paroled convict, killed Officer
2 Wetterling and stole his patrol car; and

3 WHEREAS, Having been notified that there was a paroled
4 convict out on a killing rampage, Lieutenant Stewart answered the
5 call and found the criminal but, unfortunately, Lieutenant Stewart
6 was also killed; and

7 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Larry Lynn Wetterling, born in
8 Monmouth, Illinois on March 9, 1942, had a childhood dream to
9 serve as a California Highway Patrol Officer; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Wetterling graduated from San Bernardino
11 High School in 1960 and attended San Bernardino Valley College;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Wetterling worked as an assistant manager
14 for CarpetMasters prior to joining the California Highway Patrol
15 on November 6, 1967, and graduated from the California Highway
16 Patrol Academy in Sacramento on March 1, 1968; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Wetterling's first assignment was in the
18 Riverside area until he transferred to the San Bernardino area on
19 March 12, 1970; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Wetterling was survived by his wife
21 Catherine, daughter Shelly, and now deceased daughter Terri, his
22 mother Carmen, his now deceased father Carl, his sisters Shere
23 and Carol Ann, and many friends and coworkers; and

24 WHEREAS, Sheriff's Lieutenant Alfred E. Stewart was born
25 in Jersey City, New Jersey, on May 24, 1933. He was the oldest
26 of eight children; and

27 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Stewart attended Henry Snyder High
28 School. He left school at 16 years of age and joined the United
29 States Marine Corps and served in the Korean War; and

30 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Stewart met his wife, Marie Bordina,
31 and they married in June 1952; and

32 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Stewart was wounded in both legs in
33 1950 and he received an honorable discharge from the Marine
34 Corps on January 4, 1954; and

35 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Stewart worked for Columbia Southern
36 Chemical Corporation. While there, he held various union offices,
37 including that of Union Local President; and

38 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Stewart attended the Industrial Labor
39 School for Union Officials at Saint Peter's Prep, in Jersey City;
40 and

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Stewart received an honorable discharge
2 from the Marine Reserve as Staff Sergeant in 1965 after 14 years
3 of service; and

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Stewart joined the North Bergen Police
5 Force in North Bergen, New Jersey, in 1960. He became a detective
6 and was a member of the Vice Squad. In the Police Detective
7 Bureau, he worked in criminal investigation and arrests; and

8 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Stewart and his family moved to
9 California in 1964, and he was hired by the San Bernardino County
10 Sheriff's Department; and

11 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Stewart was one of the founding
12 members of the California Narcotics Officer's Association and
13 served as the eighth president in 1972; and

14 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Stewart was survived by his wife, Marie,
15 two sons, Michael and Matthew, and his daughter, Marie. His son,
16 Michael, passed away in 2007; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1973, the California Narcotics Officer's
18 Association created the Alfred E. Stewart Memorial Award to
19 memorialize Lieutenant Stewart by honoring individual
20 achievement of working narcotic officers; and

21 WHEREAS, After his death, Lieutenant Stewart's mother stated
22 that he always wanted to be a Marine and a lawman; and

23 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the sacrifice made by
24 these peace officers for the people of California; now, therefore,
25 be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
28 portion of State Highway Route 15 between its junction with State
29 Highway Route 215 and Oak Hill Road, in the Counties of
30 Riverside and San Bernardino, as the CHP Officer Larry Lynn
31 Wetterling and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Lieutenant Alfred
32 E. Stewart Memorial Highway; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is hereby
34 requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent
35 with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing
36 this special designation and, upon receiving donations from
37 nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs;
38 and be it further

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