

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 176

Introduced by Assembly Member Conway

June 21, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 176—Relative to the Detective Monty L. Conley and Detective Joe R. Landin Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 176, as introduced, Conway. Detective Monty L. Conley and Detective Joe R. Landin Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified segment of State Highway Route 198, in Tulare County, as the Detective Monty L. Conley and Detective Joe R. Landin Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Detective Monty L. Conley and Detective Joe R.
2 Landin of the Tulare County Sheriff's Department were killed on
3 August 5, 1985, while performing their duties on behalf of the
4 citizens they swore to protect; and
5 WHEREAS, Detective Monty L. Conley was born in Shamrock,
6 Texas. He lived there until 1955, when he moved to Woodlake,
7 California. He attended Woodlake High School and the College
8 of the Sequoias. At 19 years of age, he became Woodlake's
9 youngest police officer. In 1973, he joined the Tulare County
10 Sheriff's Department, where he worked in the jail and patrol
11 divisions and later as a detective in the narcotics units. Detective

1 Conley was a dedicated officer who served his community and
2 loved his profession; and

3 WHEREAS, Detective Joe R. Landin was born in La Mesa,
4 Texas, where he lived until the eighth grade. He then moved to
5 Woodlake, California, where he attended high school. After joining
6 the United States Marine Corps, and serving in Vietnam, he
7 returned to Woodlake in 1972 and attended the College of the
8 Sequoias. He became a Woodlake Police Officer in 1974. Upon
9 joining the Tulare County Sheriff's Department in 1981, Detective
10 Landin worked in the jail and patrol divisions. As a detective, he
11 was assigned to the Sheriff's Tactical Enforcement Patrol and the
12 narcotics unit. Detective Landin was a dedicated officer who served
13 his community and loved his profession; and

14 WHEREAS, On August 5, 1985, Detective Conley and his
15 partner, Detective Landin, were investigating a narcotics case near
16 the town of Pixley, California, in southern Tulare County. While
17 the two were traveling in Detective Conley's vehicle, they collided
18 with another motorist who ran a stop sign at over 85 miles per
19 hour. Both detectives lost their lives as a result of this tragic
20 incident. The other motorist was tried and convicted of vehicular
21 manslaughter with gross negligence and served a prison term of
22 five years and four months; and

23 WHEREAS, Detective Conley is survived by his only son,
24 Matthew, who is now a Tulare County Deputy Sheriff; and

25 WHEREAS, Detective Landin is survived by his loving wife
26 Bette, and his three children, daughter Monica and sons Joe and
27 Chris, who are both now Tulare County Deputy Sheriffs. His
28 mother, Lucia, his sister Mary (Landin) Cisneros, and brothers
29 Robert, Edward, and Fred Landin also survive him; and

30 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to memorialize the sacrifice made
31 by Detective Conley and Detective Landin by naming a portion
32 of State Highway Route 198 in their honor, and to remember the
33 sacrifices made by California peace officers across the state who
34 risk their lives daily to protect citizens' lives; now, therefore, be
35 it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature designates the portion of
38 State Highway Route 198 between Road 204 East and State
39 Highway Route 216, in the County of Tulare, as the Detective

1 Monty L. Conley and Detective Joe R. Landin Memorial Highway;
2 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 that 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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