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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 106

Introduced by Senator Wright
(Coauthor: Senator Price)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 106—Relative to the Deputy Chief
Kenneth O. Garner Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 106, as amended, Wright. Deputy Chief Kenneth O. Garner
Memorial Highway. *Exit.*

This measure would designate a portion the Florence Avenue exit of
State Highway Route 110, in the City of Los Angeles, as the Deputy
Chief Kenneth O. Garner Memorial Highway *Exit*. The measure would
request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for
appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations
from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.

1 WHEREAS, Kenneth O. Garner was born on November 28,
2 1955, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the third of four children born to
3 Otto and Mary Garner, and, because his parents were both enlisted
4 in the United States Army during his childhood, he traveled the
5 world and lived in Taiwan, Germany, and Japan; and
6 WHEREAS, Kenneth O. Garner graduated from San Pedro High
7 School in 1973 and received his Associate of Arts Degree in
8 Administration of Justice from Los Angeles Harbor College in
9 1975. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from
10 the California State University, Dominguez Hills in 1981. He was

1 a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National
2 Academy, and the Supervisory Leadership Institute and the Senior
3 Management Institute Program (Boston University); and

4 WHEREAS, Kenneth O. Garner was appointed to the Los
5 Angeles Police Department (LAPD) on June 6, 1977. As a police
6 officer his assignments included Southwest Area, 77th Street Area,
7 Central Area, 77th Street Vice, and Southeast Area. Upon
8 promotion to Sergeant in 1986, his assignments included Central
9 Area, Operations-South Bureau C.R.A.S.H., 77th Street Area,
10 Internal Affairs Division, and Operations-South Bureau, where he
11 served as a Commander's Aide. After being promoted to Lieutenant
12 he was assigned to Wilshire Area and South Traffic Division as a
13 Watch Commander; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1998, Lieutenant Garner was promoted to the
15 rank of Captain. His first assignment was in Foothill Area as the
16 Commanding Officer of the Operations-Support Division. He was
17 also assigned as the Commanding Officer of South Traffic
18 Division, Foothill Area, Transit Bus Division, and the 77th Street
19 Area; and

20 WHEREAS, On October 2, 2005, Captain Garner was promoted
21 to the rank of Commander and assigned as the commanding officer
22 of Personnel Group. In this assignment, and among his many
23 responsibilities, Commander Garner was responsible for overseeing
24 sworn, civilian, and reserve recruitment and hiring for the
25 department. He was charged with the enormous task of furthering
26 the mayor's hiring initiative to increase the LAPD's authorized
27 strength to 10,000 sworn employees by 2010, the highest number
28 of officers in LAPD history. Due in large part to Commander
29 Garner's efforts, the LAPD's current sworn deployment is now at
30 9,895, a milestone achievement for the department. This
31 accomplishment is indicative that the department is on pace to
32 reach the mayor's goal of 10,000 officers later this year; and

33 WHEREAS, On July 1, 2007, a month after celebrating his 30th
34 year with the department, Commander Garner was promoted to
35 the rank of Deputy Chief of Police. He was soon assigned as the
36 Commanding Officer of Operations-West Bureau, where he
37 oversaw all police operations in the Hollywood, Wilshire, West
38 Los Angeles, and Pacific Areas and West Traffic Division; and

39 WHEREAS, On March 2, 2008, Deputy Chief Garner returned
40 to the community where he grew up and assumed command of

1 Operations-South Bureau, where he led the Criminal
2 Gang/Homicide Group, 77th Street, Southwest, Southeast, Harbor
3 Areas, and South Traffic Division; and

4 WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Garner was a member in good
5 standing with the Oscar Joel Bryand Foundation and the
6 Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and was a
7 member of the Epsilon Kappa Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi
8 Fraternity. He was also a member of the FBI National Academy
9 Association, the Northeast Toastmasters Club, and the Los Angeles
10 Police Command Officers Association. He was recipient of the
11 Trailblazer Award in 2008, where he was recognized for his
12 outstanding contribution to the progress of African Americans in
13 the City of Los Angeles. He received numerous community
14 citations as well as awards from the United States Congress,
15 California State Assembly, and various church and community
16 organizations for his involvement and dedication to the community;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Garner was a firm believer that
19 teamwork played a significant role in achieving success. He was
20 truly determined to create fundamental change for the people who
21 live and work in the south region of the City of Los Angeles. He
22 supported residential, business, and community organizations such
23 as neighborhood Watch, the Watts Gang Task Force, and the Los
24 Angeles Urban League and Community Build. Deputy Chief
25 Garner was also committed to increasing the recognition and
26 effectiveness of gang intervention in the most troubled parts of the
27 community. He also initiated an innovative program for community
28 re-entry and rehabilitation of parolees, believing they deserved an
29 opportunity for a better life; and

30 WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Garner enjoyed music, smooth jazz,
31 and R&B, was an avid reader, and a huge fan of the Los Angeles
32 Dodgers and Lakers. He was also a volunteer coach for youth
33 basketball, baseball, and football at the Mar Vista Recreation
34 Center; and

35 WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Garner passed away unexpectedly
36 on February 28, 2009, at the age of 53 years; and

37 WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Garner's legacy will continue through
38 his beloved daughter, Lauren; his loving parents, Otto and Mary;
39 his brother, David, and sisters, Carolyn and Nelianne; his nephews
40 and nieces; his Los Angeles Police Department family; a host of

1 friends; and thousands of community members, whom he was
2 proud to serve; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
5 ~~portion of State Highway Route 110 from five miles south of the~~
6 ~~Florence Avenue exit (near Rosecrans Avenue) to five miles north~~
7 ~~of the Florence Avenue exit (near Pico and Olympic Boulevards);~~
8 *Florence Avenue exit of State Highway Route 110* in the City of
9 Los Angeles, as the Deputy Chief Kenneth O. Garner Memorial
10 ~~Highway Exit~~; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
12 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
13 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
14 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
15 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
16 further

17 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
18 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
19 author for appropriate distribution.