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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 117

Introduced by Assembly Member Achadjian

February 24, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 117—Relative to the California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 117, as amended, Achadjian. The California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchanges.

This measure would designate ~~each of the Eastbound and Westbound interchanges~~ *the interchange* at State Highway Route 101 and State Highway Route 46 *East, and any subsequent interchange constructed to replace that interchange*, in the City of Paso Robles as the California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchange. 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, *as specified*.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Officer Brett James Oswald was born February
- 2 21, 1962, to his parents Richard and Linda Oswald, in San Rafael,
- 3 California; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald graduated from Sam Barlow High
- 5 School in Gresham, Oregon in 1980, received his associates degree

1 from Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas in 1991, and
2 furthered his education by completing courses at Rio Hondo
3 Community College in Whittier, California, and Cuesta College,
4 San Luis Obispo, California; and

5 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol,
6 Officer Oswald held several jobs, including film development,
7 fabricating counter tops, custodial work for a local junior high
8 school, military *service*, and even assisting with his family's
9 business; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald could not have been happier in
11 marrying his best friend, Marlena Palazzo, on July 19, 2003; and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald, badge number 13164, graduated
13 from the California Highway Patrol Academy in 1990 as a flight
14 officer, and was assigned to the Santa Fe Springs Area Office; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald subsequently served as a traffic
16 officer in the King City Area Office, a flight officer in the Paso
17 Robles Coastal Division Air Operations Office, and a traffic officer
18 in the Templeton Area Office; and

19 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald proudly served a total of 20 years
20 and one month as a California Highway Patrol Officer; and

21 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald was killed in the line of duty on
22 June 27, 2010, in Paso Robles, California, when he was struck by
23 a vehicle while waiting for a tow truck on the side of the road. He
24 responded to a report that a vehicle had hit a tree on South River
25 Road in Paso Robles. After investigating, Officer Oswald
26 determined that no accident had occurred and that the vehicle was
27 abandoned. He called for a tow truck and was waiting next to his
28 patrol car, when a passing vehicle crossed the double yellow lines
29 and struck the patrol car. The force of the impact pushed the patrol
30 car into him; and

31 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald was transported to a local hospital
32 where he later died from his injuries; and

33 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald was a hard working, dedicated
34 officer who loved his job and enjoyed his colleagues. He was
35 known as a loyal family man who loved his wife dearly. Officer
36 Oswald had an incredible sense of humor and zest for life. He was
37 always smiling and happy, and saw the beauty in everything; and

38 WHEREAS, In his spare time, Officer Oswald enjoyed reading,
39 photography, making people laugh, working on his property, and

1 a good cigar from time to time. Above all else, Officer Oswald
2 enjoyed spending time with his family; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Oswald is survived by his loving wife,
4 Marlena, his mother, Linda, father, Richard, sisters, Tricia and
5 Trinda, brother-in-law, Ricky, nephew, Christopher, and nieces,
6 Kelly and Kerri; and

7 WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Oswald's great
8 contributions and sacrifice in serving the California Highway Patrol
9 and the citizens of California, it would be a fitting tribute to
10 designate ~~each of the Eastbound and Westbound interchanges the~~
11 *interchange* at State Highway Route 101 and State Highway Route
12 *46 East, and any subsequent interchange constructed to replace*
13 *that interchange*, in the City of Paso Robles as the California
14 Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchange;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates ~~each~~
18 ~~of the Eastbound and Westbound interchanges the interchange~~ at
19 State Highway Route 101 and State Highway Route 46 East, and
20 *any subsequent interchange constructed to replace that*
21 *interchange*, in the City of Paso Robles as the California Highway
22 Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchange; and be it
23 further

24 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
25 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
26 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
27 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
28 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs. *If a new*
29 *interchange is constructed to replace that interchange, the*
30 *department is requested to determine any additional costs to*
31 *relocate or replace those signs and, upon receiving donations from*
32 *nonstate sources sufficient to cover the costs, to relocate or replace*
33 *those signs*; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
35 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
36 author for appropriate distribution.

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