

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 129

Introduced by Assembly Member Conway

March 14, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 129—Relative to the Corporal Jared Verbeek Memorial Overcrossing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 129, as introduced, Conway. Corporal Jared Verbeek Memorial Overcrossing.

This measure would designate a specified overcrossing on State Highway Route 198 in the City of Visalia as the Corporal Jared Verbeek Memorial Overcrossing. The 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 that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Corporal Jared Verbeek was born May 23, 1989,
2 in Visalia, California, to Travis and Rosalia Verbeek. Corporal
3 Verbeek's father served in the United States Marine Corps until
4 his retirement and his example of dedication impressed upon his
5 son the need to also serve his country; and
6 WHEREAS, From an early age, Corporal Verbeek sought the
7 opportunity to wear a uniform in service of his country, including
8 joining the Boy Scouts of America and earning 13 merit badges
9 within his first month; and
10 WHEREAS, Always striving to do more, and be more, than an
11 average person, Corporal Verbeek participated in many team sports

1 in high school, including baseball, basketball, football, track and
2 field, and cross country; and

3 WHEREAS, Corporal Verbeek maintained a high GPA in high
4 school while working with the Tulare County Sheriff, where he
5 assisted in background and training documentation, and attended
6 Congressman Devin Nunes' military academy at night to learn
7 more about obtaining a commission as a military officer. Corporal
8 Verbeek was selected for a congressional appointment to Annapolis
9 Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, but instead chose to enlist
10 with the United States Marine Corps and went to Marine Corps
11 recruit training in San Diego, California, immediately after his
12 graduation from high school; and

13 WHEREAS, Corporal Verbeek graduated recruit training on
14 February 1, 2008, and was assigned as a recruiter assistant at the
15 Visalia recruiting substation, which pleased Corporal Verbeek
16 because he could stay near his beloved family longer; and

17 WHEREAS, Corporal Verbeek was assigned to Marine combat
18 training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton in Santa Margarita,
19 California, followed by an order to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri,
20 where he went through his military occupational speciality training
21 for military police, his chosen field. He then received his first duty
22 assignment with the Military Police (MP) Company at Camp
23 Pendleton; and

24 WHEREAS, Corporal Verbeek married his best friend, Vanessa
25 Salazar, and the couple had a little boy whom they named Jacob,
26 in December of 2008; and

27 WHEREAS, Corporal Verbeek volunteered to be an MP liaison
28 for the First Battalion of the Fifth Marine Regiment, which was
29 deployed on March 17, 2011, to Afghanistan; and

30 WHEREAS, Corporal Verbeek gave the ultimate sacrifice for
31 our security and died on June 21, 2011, from wounds sustained
32 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province,
33 Afghanistan; and

34 WHEREAS, Corporal Verbeek's family and friends recall his
35 thoughtfulness, selfless acts, laughter, brutal honesty, love for his
36 family, and determination to serve his country; and

37 WHEREAS, Corporal Verbeek's service awards include the
38 Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the National Defense
39 Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the
40 Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, and the Afghanistan

1 Campaign Medal, and a nomination for a posthumous Purple Heart;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In recognition of Corporal Verbeek's great
4 contributions and sacrifice in service of the United States Marine
5 Corps and his country, it would be a fitting tribute to designate an
6 overcrossing of State Highway Route 198 in his hometown, the
7 City of Visalia, as the Corporal Jared Verbeek Memorial
8 Overcrossing; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
11 South Giddings Avenue overcrossing on State Highway Route
12 198 in the City of Visalia as the Corporal Jared Verbeek Memorial
13 Overcrossing; and be it further

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

20 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
21 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
22 author for appropriate distribution.