

Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier

March 9, 2011

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21—Relative to the Martinez Police Sergeant Paul Starzyk Memorial Overcrossing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 21, as introduced, DeSaulnier. Martinez Police Sergeant Paul Starzyk Memorial Overcrossing.

This measure would designate the Pine Street overcrossing that crosses State Highway Route 4 in the City of Martinez as the Martinez Police Sergeant Paul Starzyk Memorial Overcrossing. 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.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Martinez Police Sergeant Paul Starzyk was born
- 2 in Madison, Wisconsin, and grew up in DeKalb, Illinois; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Paul Starzyk graduated from Northern Illinois
- 4 University with a bachelor of science degree in computer science,
- 5 and then moved to California to accept a position with the Bank
- 6 of America Corporation; and
- 7 WHEREAS, After excelling in the banking industry, Paul
- 8 Starzyk realized his true calling was in helping others through a
- 9 career in law enforcement; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Paul Starzyk started his law enforcement career
- 11 as a reserve police officer at the Martinez Police Department in
- 12 1992; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1994, Paul Starzyk became a full-time police
2 officer, serving the citizens of Martinez on a daily basis; and

3 WHEREAS, He was a member of the SWAT team, later became
4 a range master, and ultimately a SWAT team instructor, and he
5 also developed the active shooter training for the Martinez Police
6 Department; and

7 WHEREAS, Paul Starzyk was promoted to police sergeant in
8 December 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant Starzyk was killed in the line of duty on
10 September 6, 2008, protecting those that he was sworn to serve;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, He is survived by his loving wife Shannon and
13 their children, Vincent, Jacob, and Jessica, and by his parents,
14 Marvin and Ann Starzyk of Rockway, Illinois, and his sisters,
15 Elizabeth, Kathryn, and Julia; and

16 WHEREAS, In the event of his death, Sergeant Starzyk asked
17 that this statement be read at his funeral: “Here is a man that got
18 all he ever wanted. Great career, good friends, the best wife, and
19 a great life. He left this world with no regrets. No matter where he
20 ended up, he is sure he will see some of his coworkers there”; and

21 WHEREAS, Sergeant Starzyk loved with all his heart, was a
22 happy, humorous man, and a true hero; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
25 Pine Street overcrossing that crosses over State Highway Route 4
26 in the City of Martinez as the Martinez Police Sergeant Paul
27 Starzyk Memorial Overcrossing; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
29 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
30 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
31 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
32 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
33 further

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