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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 25

Introduced by Senators Negrete McLeod and Dutton

March 16, 2011

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25—Relative to the California Highway Patrol Officer Thomas P. Coleman Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 25, as amended, Negrete McLeod. California Highway Patrol Officer Thomas P. Coleman Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 10 in the County of San Bernardino as the CHP Officer Thomas P. Coleman Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation 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, Thomas Philip Coleman was born October 6, 1976,
- 2 in West Covina, California, to Robert and Janice Coleman. He
- 3 was one of five children that included two boys, Thomas and
- 4 Joseph, and three girls, Jennifer, Kathleen, and Mary; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Thomas P. Coleman graduated from Damien High
- 6 School in 1994 and joined the United States Marine Corps in
- 7 September of 1996; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the *Department of the California*
- 9 Highway Patrol (CHP), Thomas P. Coleman served as a Marine
- 10 Security Guard for the United States Marine Corps; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2003, CHP Officer Thomas P. Coleman, badge
2 number 17338, graduated from the CHP Academy and was
3 assigned to the Altadena Area Office; and

4 WHEREAS, After 60 months of service in the Altadena-Area
5 area, Officer Thomas P. Coleman was transferred to the San
6 Bernardino area and was assigned to motorcycle duty on June 12,
7 2008; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Thomas P. Coleman was married to his
9 best friend, Jamie Jean, on June 28, 2006, and had two wonderful
10 children: Ryan Joseph, born October 6, 2007, and Shaylen Marie,
11 born October 9, 2009; and

12 WHEREAS, On June 11, 2010, Officer Thomas P. Coleman
13 was in pursuit of a traffic violator when his motorcycle collided
14 with a semitrailer truck; and

15 WHEREAS, Shortly after the accident, Officer Thomas P.
16 Coleman succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at
17 the scene; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Thomas P. Coleman was a hard-working,
19 dedicated officer who loved his job and enjoyed the people he
20 worked with. He was known for being a loyal family man and a
21 wonderful father and husband. His greatest joys were playing with
22 his children, riding his motorcycle, hiking, and watching football
23 and movies. Officer Thomas P. Coleman was admired for his
24 passion for his career, his “smirk,” his sense of humor, and his
25 hugs; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
28 portion of State Highway Route 10 in the vicinity of Texas Street,
29 milepost marker 30.377, to ~~Wabash Street~~ *South Wabash Avenue*,
30 milepost marker 34.288, in the County of San Bernardino, as the
31 CHP Officer Thomas P. Coleman Memorial Highway; and be it
32 further

33 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
34 to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
35 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
36 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations
37 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
38 be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
2 this resolution to the Director of Transportation, and to the author
3 for appropriate distribution.

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