

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 24, 2011

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 37

Introduced by Senator Anderson

April 11, 2011

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37—Relative to the ~~U.S.~~ Border Patrol Agent Robert Rosas Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 37, as amended, Anderson. ~~U.S.~~ Border Patrol Agent Robert Rosas Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 8 in the County of San Diego as the ~~U.S.~~ Border Patrol Agent Robert W. Rosas Jr. 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, United States Border Patrol Agent Robert W. Rosas
- 2 Jr. was born and raised in El Centro, California, and was often
- 3 referred to as the “Mayor of El Centro” because of his popularity
- 4 and friendly, witty demeanor; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Agent Rosas graduated from Central Union High
- 6 School in 1997 where he met his future wife, Rosalie; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a United States Border Patrol
- 8 Agent, Agent Rosas worked as a correctional officer for six years
- 9 at Centinela State Prison, in addition to serving two years as a
- 10 reserve police officer for the El Centro Police Department; and

1 WHEREAS, Agent Rosas began his career with the United
2 States Border Patrol on May 22, 2006, as a member of the 621st
3 Session of the Border Patrol Academy. Around his fellow agents
4 at the Campo Station, Agent Rosas was known for his enthusiasm
5 and sound work ethic in carrying out his sworn duties. His
6 leadership skills were also evident through his efforts in organizing
7 and managing the station's softball team; and

8 WHEREAS, On July 23, 2009, Agent Rosas was working near
9 the United States-Mexico international border near Campo,
10 California, and was responding to suspected illegal cross-border
11 activity when fellow agents heard multiple gun shots. After a brief
12 search, Agent Rosas was found lying on the ground, mortally
13 wounded; and

14 WHEREAS, Agent Rosas was 30 years old at the time of his
15 death and left behind his wife, their two young children, Robert
16 Mathew and Kayla Alyssa, his brother, two sisters, and his
17 stepfather; now, therefor, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring*, That Legislature hereby designates a portion
20 of State Highway Route 8, between post mile R51.000 and post
21 mile ~~R53.5000~~ R55.800, in the County of San Diego as the ~~U.S.~~
22 Border Patrol Agent Robert W. Rosas Jr. Memorial Highway; and
23 be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
25 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
26 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
27 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations
28 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
29 be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
31 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
32 author for appropriate distribution.