

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 133**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bates**  
(Coauthor: Senator Morrow)

August 18, 2003

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 133—Relative to the  
Oceanside Police Officer Tony Zeppetella Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 133, as introduced, Bates. Oceanside Police Officer Tony Zeppetella Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 76 as the Oceanside Police Officer Tony Zeppetella Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, The calling to be a peace officer is one of the  
2 highest vocations of public service, and any individual who  
3 accepts this calling is worthy of the highest respect and honor the  
4 community, state, and nation can provide; and

5 WHEREAS, Oceanside Police Officer Tony Zeppetella was  
6 shot and killed in the line of duty on June 13, 2003, during the  
7 course of a traffic stop; and

8 WHEREAS, Tony Zeppetella is survived by his wife, Jamie,  
9 and his infant son, Jakob; and

1 WHEREAS, Tony Zeppetella was born on October 2, 1975, in  
2 Whittier, California. He was raised in Paso Robles, California  
3 where he attended and graduated from Paso Robles High School;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Prior to beginning his career with the Oceanside  
6 Police Department, Tony Zeppetella served in the United States  
7 Navy for six years and attended Central Texas College and the  
8 University of Phoenix; and

9 WHEREAS, Tony Zeppetella joined the Oceanside Police  
10 Department on May 13, 2002. After successfully completing his  
11 academy training in October 2002, he reported to the Oceanside  
12 Police Department; and

13 WHEREAS, Tony Zeppetella made significant contributions to  
14 traffic safety and to the motoring public while assigned to the  
15 Oceanside Police Department; and

16 WHEREAS, Tony Zeppetella served 13 months as a sworn  
17 peace officer for the Oceanside Police Department and was known  
18 by his fellow officers for his dedication to the department and to  
19 the protection of the citizens of this state; and

20 WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to the memory of  
21 Police Officer Tony Zeppetella to name the segment of State  
22 Highway Route 76, between Interstate 5 and the eastern city limits  
23 of the City of Oceanside, as the Oceanside Police Officer Tony  
24 Zeppetella Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
26 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby officially  
27 designates that portion of State Highway Route 76, between  
28 Interstate 5 and the eastern city limits of the City of Oceanside, as  
29 the Oceanside Police Officer Tony Zeppetella Memorial  
30 Highway; and be it further

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

37 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
38 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
39 author of this resolution for appropriate distribution.



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2 CORRECTIONS  
3 Title — Line 1.  
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