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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 129

Introduced by Senator Cedillo

June 28, 2006

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 129—Relative to Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 129, as amended, Cedillo. Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified segment of State Highway Route 60 in the City of Los Angeles as the Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda was born on October 30, 1968, in
2 Parkridge, Illinois; and

3 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda served as a helicopter crew member
4 in the United States Army; and

5 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda entered the Los Angeles Police
6 Academy on May 21, 1990, where he earned a reputation as a
7 conscientious cadet; and

8 WHEREAS, After his appointment as an officer with the Los
9 Angeles Police Department, Steven Gajda was assigned to the

1 department's anti-gang unit, called the Community Resources
2 Against Street Hoodlums (CRASH) unit, which operates in the
3 most violent neighborhoods in Los Angeles; and

4 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda, while serving in the CRASH unit,
5 was shot on December 31, 1997, when identified gang members
6 wanted on murder charges were fleeing the scene of a New
7 Year's Eve disturbance; and

8 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda died from these injuries the
9 following day, January 1, 1998, his wife's birthday; and

10 WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have
11 the unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety, and it is
12 as difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the
13 death of Steven Gajda who was killed in the line of duty; and

14 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda was known as an officer who was
15 willing to accept responsibility and for his humor and artistic
16 talents, drawing caricatures that showed life with the CRASH
17 unit, and his spirit always brought support to his fellow officers;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda is survived by his wife, Belinda,
20 ~~and their daughter, Brittany; his parents, Chris and Steve Gajda;~~
21 ~~his brothers, Mark, Scott, and Brian Gajda; and a daughter from~~
22 ~~his prior marriage; and his children, Brandon and Brittany; his~~
23 ~~father Steve; his mother Christine Hester; and his brothers,~~
24 ~~Mark, Scott, and Brian; and~~

25 WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to Steven Gajda to
26 name a segment of State Highway Route 60 as the Los Angeles
27 Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway; now, therefore,
28 be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
30 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
31 segment of State Highway Route 60 between its interchange with
32 State Highway Route 10 at post-mile .118 and the Indiana Street
33 overpass at post-mile 1.94 in the City of Los Angeles as the Los
34 Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway; and be
35 it further

36 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
37 to determine the cost of erecting appropriate signs, consistent
38 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
39 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations

1 from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those
2 signs; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
4 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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