

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 159**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Yamada  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Eng)**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 159—Relative to the CHP Officer Johnny R. Martinez Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 159, as introduced, Yamada. CHP Officer Johnny R. Martinez Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 10 in the City of Alhambra as the CHP Officer Johnny R. Martinez Memorial Highway. 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, Officer Johnny Ramirez Martinez was born June  
2     14, 1948, to Bill and Vera Martinez, in Fayette, North Carolina;  
3     and  
4     WHEREAS, Officer Martinez graduated from Chaffey High  
5     School in 1966, and joined the United States Marine Corps shortly  
6     after graduation. He proudly served the Marine Corps for four  
7     years and achieved the rank of sergeant as a Vietnam veteran; and  
8     WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a patrol officer for the  
9     Department of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), Officer

1 Martinez was employed by Alcoa Aluminum of Corona as an  
2 X-ray technician; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Martinez was married to his best friend,  
4 Lydia Rivera, on November 7, 1970, and had two wonderful  
5 children: Yvette Marie on March 8, 1976, and Johnny Nicholas  
6 on October 16, 1980. There are now three beautiful grandchildren:  
7 Christian James Shaw born on March 14, 2006, and twins, Mia  
8 Grace and Leila Marie Shaw born on February 23, 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Martinez graduated from the California  
10 Highway Patrol Academy on December 1, 1977, and upon  
11 graduation, was assigned to the East Los Angeles area, where he  
12 proudly served for four years; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Martinez, badge number 8813, was killed  
14 in the line of duty on October 2, 1981. While clearing debris from  
15 the San Bernardino Freeway, he and his partner were gunned down  
16 by two paranoid robbery suspects. Although he was rushed to the  
17 hospital, Officer Martinez succumbed to his injuries and died at  
18 Alhambra Community Hospital; and

19 WHEREAS, Officer Martinez was known for being a man of  
20 principle and integrity. He was a loyal family man, a wonderful  
21 father and husband and a dedicated officer. His greatest joys were  
22 his wife, children, and riding motorcycles; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
25 portion of State Highway Route 10 from eastbound milepost  
26 marker 10 LA 22.31 to westbound milepost marker 10 LA 22.33  
27 in the City of Alhambra as the CHP Officer Johnny R. Martinez  
28 Memorial Highway; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
30 to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent  
31 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
32 showing these special designations, and upon receiving donations  
33 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and  
34 be it further

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

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