

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 159

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 104

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 159, Eng. 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.

WHEREAS, Officer Johnny Ramirez Martinez was born June 14, 1948, to Bill and Vera Martinez, in Fayette, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Officer Martinez graduated from Chaffey High School in 1966, and joined the United States Marine Corps shortly after graduation. He proudly served the Marine Corps for four years and achieved the rank of sergeant as a Vietnam veteran; and

WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a patrol officer for the Department of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), Officer Martinez was employed by Alcoa Aluminum of Corona as an X-ray technician; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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