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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22—Relative to California Peace Officers’ Memorial Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 22, as introduced, Correa. California Peace Officers’ Memorial Day.

This measure would designate Monday, May 2, 2011, as California Peace Officers’ Memorial Day and would urge all Californians to use that day to honor California peace officers.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, May 2, 2011, is California Peace Officers’
- 2 Memorial Day, a day Californians observe in commemoration of
- 3 those noble officers who have tragically sacrificed their lives in
- 4 the line of duty; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Although California citizens are indebted to our
- 6 California peace officers each day of the week, we make particular

1 note of their bravery and dedication and we share in their losses
2 on California Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

3 WHEREAS, California peace officers have a job second in
4 importance to none, and it is a job that is as difficult and dangerous
5 as it is important; and

6 WHEREAS, The peace officers of California have worked
7 dutifully and selflessly on behalf of the people of this great state,
8 regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

9 WHEREAS, By the enforcement of our laws, these same officers
10 have safeguarded the lives and property of the citizens of California
11 and have given their full measure to ensure those citizens the right
12 to be free from crime and violence; and

13 WHEREAS, Special ceremonies and observations on behalf of
14 California peace officers provide all Californians with the
15 opportunity to appreciate the heroic men and women who have
16 dedicated their lives to preserving public safety; now, therefore,
17 be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring*, That California's peace officers who were
20 killed in defense of their communities in 2010 be recognized:

21 Sergeant Ira G. Essoe, Jr., Orange County Sheriff's Department,
22 End of Watch: February 4, 2010

23 Deputy Joel B. Wahlenmaier, Fresno County Sheriff's
24 Department, End of Watch: February 25, 2010

25 Deputy Kenneth J. Collier, San Diego County Sheriff's
26 Department, End of Watch: February 28, 2010

27 Officer Javier Bejar, Reedley Police Department, End of Watch:
28 March 1, 2010

29 Officer Daniel N. Benavides, California Highway Patrol, Border
30 Division, End of Watch: May 7, 2010

31 Officer Thomas P. Coleman, California Highway Patrol, San
32 Bernardino, End of Watch: June 11, 2010

33 Officer Phillip D. Ortiz, California Highway Patrol, West Los
34 Angeles, End of Watch: June 22, 2010

35 Officer Justin W. McGrory, California Highway Patrol, Barstow,
36 End of Watch: June 27, 2010

37 Officer Brett J. Oswald, California Highway Patrol, Templeton,
38 End of Watch: June 27, 2010

39 Christopher A. Wilson, San Diego Police Department, End of
40 Watch: October 28, 2010

1 Officer Ryan P. Bonaminio, Riverside Police Department, End
2 of Watch: November 7, 2010; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That California's peace officers who were killed in
4 defense of their communities in prior years, but not yet enrolled,
5 also be recognized:

6 Deputy Frank Hamilton, Riverside County Sheriff's Department,
7 End of Watch: April 9, 1895

8 Officer George A. Humburg, California Highway Patrol, San
9 Jose, End of Watch: November 29, 1944

10 Warden Clarence Brown, California Department of Fish and
11 Game, Law Enforcement Division, End of Watch: April 3, 1959;
12 and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Legislature designates Monday, May 2, 2011,
14 as California Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and urges all
15 Californians to remember those individuals who gave their lives
16 for our safety and express appreciation to those who continue to
17 dedicate themselves to making California a safer place in which
18 to live and raise our families; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
20 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.