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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 178

Introduced by Assembly Member Gipson

May 3, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 178—Relative to the Kevin *Michael* Burrell and James *Wayne* MacDonald Memorial Highway and the Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 178, as amended, Gipson. Kevin *Michael* Burrell and James *Wayne* MacDonald Memorial Highway and the Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate ~~an unspecified~~ *a specified* portion of State Highway Route ~~94~~ *710* in the County of Los Angeles as the Kevin *Michael* Burrell and James *Wayne* MacDonald Memorial Highway and would designate ~~an unspecified~~ *a specified* portion of State Highway Route ~~94~~ *710* in the County of Los Angeles as the Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the costs for appropriate signs, as specified, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Kevin Michael Burrell and James Wayne
- 2 MacDonald were police officers employed by the City of Compton,
- 3 who dedicated their lives to keeping its citizens safe; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Kevin Michael Burrell realized that being a police
- 5 officer meant more than just making arrests; he possessed a level

1 of unparalleled compassion and understanding, taking advantage
2 of every opportunity to help those less fortunate, and was lovingly
3 known as the “Gentle Giant;” and

4 WHEREAS, James Wayne MacDonald was admired by his
5 ~~peers and~~ *peers*, had an amazing ~~personality~~ *personality*, and,
6 although he was only required to work two shifts a month, ~~instead~~
7 chose to work two shifts a week; and

8 WHEREAS, James Wayne MacDonald loved being a police
9 officer and Kevin Michael Burrell was his favorite partner to ride
10 with; and

11 WHEREAS, On February 22, 1993, Kevin Michael Burrell and
12 James Wayne MacDonald, ages 29 and 24, respectively, while
13 working as patrol car partners in the City of Compton, were fatally
14 shot by a violent gang member during a traffic stop at the
15 intersection of Rosecrans Avenue and Dwight Avenue; and

16 WHEREAS, Kevin Michael Burrell is survived by his son,
17 Kevin Junior, his mother, Edna, his sister, Bridget, and his brothers,
18 Biff, Kiki, Reggie, and Anthony, his father, Clark, having
19 subsequently passed away; and

20 WHEREAS, James Wayne MacDonald is survived by his
21 mother, Toni, and his brother, Jon, his father, Jim, having
22 subsequently passed away; and

23 WHEREAS, Dess K. Phipps was a police officer employed by
24 the City of Compton who dedicated his life to keeping the citizens
25 of the City of Compton safe; and

26 WHEREAS, Dess K. Phipps was born on June 17, 1925, in the
27 City of Stidham in the County of McIntosh, Oklahoma, and grew
28 up on a working farm in the City of Yuma, Arizona; and

29 WHEREAS, Dess K. Phipps was a member of the United States
30 Navy from June 16, 1934, to December 29, 1944, and was a veteran
31 of World War II; and

32 WHEREAS, At the age of 37, Dess K. Phipps ~~is~~ *was* killed in
33 the line of duty during a high speed vehicle pursuit of a criminal
34 on October 12, 1962; and

35 WHEREAS, Dess K. Phipps is survived by his brother, Williams
36 Ross Phipps, and ~~is~~ *was* succeeded in death by his loving wife,
37 Pauline Verna Winder Phipps (2012), his parents Marion (1975)
38 and Margaret Phipps (1994), and his other brother, Perry Lee
39 Phipps (1998); now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates-a that*
3 *portion of State Highway Route-91 710 from State Highway Route*
4 *91 approximately at post mile 12.97 to Alondra Boulevard*
5 *approximately at post mile 13.94 in the County of Los Angeles as*
6 *the Kevin Michael Burrell and James Wayne MacDonald Memorial*
7 *Highway; and be it further*
8 *Resolved, That the Legislature hereby designates-a that portion*
9 *of State Highway Route-91 710 from Alondra Boulevard*
10 *approximately at post mile 13.945 to Rosecrans Avenue*
11 *approximately at post mile 14.96 in the County of Los Angeles as*
12 *the Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway; and be it further*
13 *Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested*
14 *to determine the costs of erecting appropriate signs, which would*
15 *include these special designations, consistent with the signing*
16 *requirements for the state highway system, and, upon receiving*
17 *donations from nonstate sources covering the costs, to erect those*
18 *signs; and be it further*
19 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
20 *of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author*
21 *for appropriate distribution.*