

**Introduced by Senator Huff**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Kim)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27—Relative to the Fullerton Police Officer Jerry Hatch Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 27, as introduced, Huff. Fullerton Police Officer Jerry Hatch Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 91 in the County of Orange as the Fullerton Police Officer Jerry Hatch Memorial Highway. The 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 the costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1     WHEREAS, Officer Jerry Scott Hatch was a police officer for  
2     the Fullerton Police Department; and  
3     WHEREAS, On Sunday, June 29, 1975, while on his way to  
4     work, Officer Hatch stopped to assist a motorist with an engine  
5     fire on the Beach Boulevard off ramp of State Highway Route 91.  
6     As he was placing his fire extinguisher back in his trunk, Officer  
7     Hatch was struck from behind by a drunk driver. On June 30, 1975,  
8     Officer Hatch succumbed to his injuries; and  
9     WHEREAS, Officer Hatch was the first Fullerton police officer  
10    to be killed in the line of duty; and  
11    WHEREAS, Fellow officers say that Officer Hatch's good  
12    samaritan act was typical for him; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Hatch was described as an officer who  
2 always had a smile and who had received two citizen citations in  
3 the short six months he was on the force; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Hatch left behind his parents, Paul and  
5 Dorothy Hatch, his wife, Ruth, and his daughter, Audrey, who was  
6 only two years old at the time of his death; and

7 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to memorialize the service and  
8 sacrifice of Officer Hatch, by designating a portion of State  
9 Highway Route 91 in the County of Orange in his honor; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
13 portion of State Highway Route 91 between State Highway Route  
14 57 and State Highway Route 39 (Beach Boulevard) in the County  
15 of Orange as the Fullerton Police Officer Jerry Hatch Memorial  
16 Highway; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
18 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the  
19 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this  
20 special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate  
21 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
22 further

23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
24 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
25 for appropriate distribution.