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ACR-78 CHP Officer Gerald E. Dormaier Memorial Interchange. (2015-2016)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 78

CHAPTER 155

Relative to the CHP Officer Gerald E. Dormaier Memorial Interchange.

[Filed with Secretary of State September 03, 2015.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 78, Salas. CHP Officer Gerald E. Dormaier Memorial Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange at the junction of State Routes 99 and 166 in the County of Kern as the CHP Officer Gerald E. Dormaier Memorial Interchange. 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 that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, Officer Gerald E. Dormaier, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Badge No. 4654, was born June 15, 1938, in Arvin, California; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Dormaier graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1955, went on to Bakersfield College, and then joined the United States Air Force shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Dormaier was a member of the Future Farmers of America poultry judging team in high school and won first place over 17 other judging teams in a San Joaquin Valley poultry judging contest held at Fresno State College; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Dormaier was a doting father and had three wonderful children, Craig, Mark and Valerie; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol, Gerald Dormaier worked in Kern County's oil fields; and

WHEREAS, Officer Dormaier graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy in 1966, and during his 14 years with the CHP, served in the Los Angeles, Anaheim, Tejon, Buellton, Truckee, and Bakersfield areas; and

WHEREAS, Officer Dormaier was killed in the line of duty on December 25, 1980, when he and his partner, Officer Jerry Bean, CHP Badge No. 6105, were attempting to set up road control for an overturned propane truck. Officer Dormaier was standing on the side of the road when a speeding tanker truck came barreling through the fog. The driver attempted to stop, causing the vehicle to jackknife near the center divider, striking Officer Dormaier and the patrol car; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bean attempted to revive his partner and administered CPR until the ambulance arrived. Officer Dormaier was taken to Mercy Hospital, but unfortunately he succumbed to his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Officer Dormaier was a hard working, dedicated officer who loved his job and enjoyed the people he worked with. He was a very nice man who was known for being a loving and devoted father; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Dormaier's great contributions and sacrifice in serving the California Highway Patrol and the residents of California, it is appropriate to designate the interchange at the junction of State Highway Routes 99 and 166 in the County of Kern in his honor; now therefore be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the interchange at the junction of State Highway Routes 99 and 166 in the County of Kern as the CHP Officer Gerald E. Dormaier Memorial Interchange; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the costs of erecting appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and which shall include the star of the California Highway Patrol 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 Director of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.