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ACR-100 Kevin Woyjeck Memorial Highway. (2015-2016)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100

CHAPTER 116

Relative to the Kevin Woyjeck Memorial Highway.

[Filed with Secretary of State August 16, 2016.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 100, Travis Allen. Kevin Woyjeck Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of Interstate 405 in the County of Orange as the Kevin Woyjeck 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 that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, As the son of a captain in the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the grandson of a smokejumper, and the eighth firefighter in the Woyjeck family, Kevin Woyjeck knew from an early age that he wanted to be a firefighter and was laser-focused on achieving that goal; and

WHEREAS, Kevin grew up in Seal Beach, California, and attended McGaugh Elementary School in Seal Beach and McAuliffe Middle School and Los Alamitos High School, both in Los Alamitos, California; and

WHEREAS, Kevin was a very active person who loved the outdoors from an early age and could often be found fishing or diving anywhere from Seal Beach to Laguna Beach; and

WHEREAS, Kevin spent every summer for nine years as a Seal Beach Junior Lifeguard; and

WHEREAS, When he was 15 years old, Kevin joined the Los Angeles County Fire Department Explorer Program, a program that he loved because the firefighters taught him so much about the fire department and station etiquette; and

WHEREAS, Kevin became an emergency medical technician while in high school and worked on an ambulance crew shortly after graduating; and

WHEREAS, Kevin had extensive training as a firefighter, having taken firefighting classes at Santa Ana College, El Camino College Structure Fire Academy, and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Academy in San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, Kevin also spent a season in South Dakota, where he joined the Johnson Valley Volunteer Fire Department and performed indirect wildland firefighting for the South Dakota Wildland Fire Division as part of a Type 2-IA Handcrew; and

WHEREAS, In April 2013, Kevin was honored to join the Granite Mountain Hotshots, an elite crew of 20 young men in top condition, based in Prescott, Arizona, who had direct wildland firefighting responsibilities with the ability to provide service

anywhere in the nation; and

WHEREAS, After successfully fighting fires and saving lives and property in New Mexico and Arizona, Kevin and the other members of the crew responded to an out-of-control fire in Yarnell, Arizona, on June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Nineteen of the twenty young men in the Granite Mountain Hotshots tragically lost their lives in the fire, including Kevin; and

WHEREAS, Kevin always had a smile on his face and, although he was taken at 21 years of age, he lived and loved a full life's worth; 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 Interstate 405 between postmile 24.178 and postmile 20.4 in the County of Orange as the Kevin Woyjeck Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the requirements of the state highway system showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover 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.