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ACR-134 Simi Valley Police Officer Michael Clark Memorial Overcrossing. (2015-2016)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 134

CHAPTER 120

Relative to the Simi Valley Police Officer Michael Clark Memorial Overcrossing.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 134, Wilk. Simi Valley Police Officer Michael Clark Memorial Overcrossing.

This measure would designate the First Street Overcrossing of State Highway Route 118 in the City of Simi Valley as the Simi Valley Police Officer Michael Clark Memorial Overcrossing. 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

WHEREAS, Michael Clark was born in Massachusetts on August 12, 1966, his family later moved to Ventura County, and he was raised in Thousand Oaks, where he graduated from Westlake High School in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Michael Clark served in the United States Marine Corps from December 1984 to August 1988 as a Navy diver, assigned to "A" Company 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion and stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Michael Clark achieved a life long goal of becoming a police officer when he joined the Los Angeles Police Department in May 1989. He was assigned to the Devonshire Division, where he served as a patrol officer. Officer Clark later joined the Simi Valley Police Department in March 1995, where he also served as a patrol officer; and

WHEREAS, On August 4, 1995, Officer Clark was killed in the line of duty while handling a "check the welfare" call at the request of the Ventura County Mental Health Department at a residence in Simi Valley, where he was shot with a semi-automatic handgun by the person he was attempting to assist; and

WHEREAS, Officer Clark was known as self-motivated, a high producer, a thorough investigator, and someone who could be counted on to get the job done with minimal supervision, and he was well-liked by his fellow officers and supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Officer Clark was not only a devoted police officer, but also a devoted husband and father, and someone who could be called upon to repair or construct anything; and

WHEREAS, Officer Clark was the first Simi Valley police officer to die in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Officer Clark is survived by his wife, Jenifer, who he married in 1992, and their son Bayley, who was only five months old at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to memorialize the service and sacrifice of Officer Clark by designating an overcrossing of State Highway Route 118 in the City of Simi Valley 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 First Street Overcrossing of State Highway Route 118 in the City of Simi Valley as the Simi Valley Police Officer Michael Clark Memorial Overcrossing; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for 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.