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SCR-152 Deputy Sheriff Danny P. Oliver Memorial Highway. (2015-2016)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 152

CHAPTER 184

Relative to the Deputy Sheriff Danny P. Oliver Memorial Highway.

[Filed with Secretary of State September 09, 2016.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 152, Gaines. Deputy Sheriff Danny P. Oliver Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 50 in El Dorado County as the Deputy Sheriff Danny P. Oliver Memorial Highway. The measure would 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, Danny P. Oliver grew up in the Del Paso Heights neighborhood of Sacramento and graduated from Grant High School. Growing up in that “tough part” of town “allowed him to understand people” and gave him a street sense that served him well as a sheriff’s deputy, according to his wife, Susan Oliver. While Danny Oliver’s father was a firefighter and would have enjoyed having his son seek the same professional path, Danny instead gravitated toward a career in law enforcement. He attended the sheriff’s academy and finished at the top of his class academically while his wife worked two jobs to support his training and their family; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Oliver joined the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department in 1999 and worked the graveyard shift for a decade. Deputy Sheriff Oliver was a dedicated street cop who always showed up for work an hour early and went after the worst criminals on his beat; and

WHEREAS, Though he loved catching the “bad guys,” Deputy Sheriff Oliver also had a soft side. He once arrested a woman on a drug charge who was with her daughter. She appeared stable, so he uncuffed the suspect and let her sit with her young daughter. As he left them, the suspect’s daughter called Deputy Sheriff Oliver a teddy bear—a term that became his nickname in the department; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Oliver was also dedicated to his family. He helped his daughters with their schoolwork and did CrossFit exercises with them, but he never felt that they had to be like him. During his last conversation with his wife, he told Susan that he had finished making her a chicken coop in their yard; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Oliver also had a soft heart and enjoyed connecting with the Sacramento County community he was charged with protecting, answering emails from concerned citizens, and never declining to attend a neighborhood meeting; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Oliver, at 47 years of age, was shot and killed on October 24, 2014, in the parking lot of a Motel 6 on Arden Way in Sacramento County as he and Deputy Sheriff Michael David Davis, Jr., who was on assignment as an acting detective, were investigating a suspicious vehicle. A male occupant of the vehicle had opened fire on the deputies with a 9mm handgun, striking Deputy Sheriff Oliver in the forehead. The man and a female occupant then fled in the vehicle as his partner returned fire. A short distance away the male shot a civilian when the couple attempted to carjack the man's pickup truck. The couple then carjacked two other vehicles as they continued fleeing the area. The man suspected of killing Deputy Sheriff Oliver, Luis Enrique Monroy-Bracamonte, is also accused in the shooting death of Placer County Deputy Sheriff Michael David Davis, Jr. that same day in the City of Auburn; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of United States Highway Route 50 in El Dorado County from Cambridge Road Over Crossing 2583 (PM 4.962) to Cameron Park Drive Under Crossing 25-84 (PM 6.570) as the Deputy Sheriff Danny P. Oliver Memorial Highway; 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 Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.