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ACR-149 Officer and Medal of Valor Recipient Waldron G. Karp Memorial Highway. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 149

CHAPTER 144

Relative to the Officer and Medal of Valor Recipient Waldron G. Karp Memorial Highway.

[Filed with Secretary of State August 17, 2018.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 149, Choi. Officer and Medal of Valor Recipient Waldron G. Karp Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of Interstate 5 in the City of Tustin as the Officer and Medal of Valor Recipient Waldron G. Karp 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 cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, On January 7, 1973, at 31 years of age, Tustin Police Department Officer Waldron G. Karp succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained one month earlier when he was shot while assisting Orange County Sheriff's Department deputies on a call involving a man with a rifle; and

WHEREAS, Becoming a police officer was Karp's dream job after he served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, and he served his community honorably; and

WHEREAS, For his courage in the line of duty, Officer Karp was awarded the Medal of Valor by the Tustin Police Department in 2015, the highest honor awarded by the department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Karp is the only Tustin Police Department officer to be killed in the line of duty, and the story of Officer Karp's death has been passed from one generation of Tustin Police Department officers to the next; and

WHEREAS, To commemorate Officer Karp's service, the City of Tustin established the Wally Karp Memorial Ceremony, which honors and retells his story, and established the Wally Karp Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to a local high school student; and

WHEREAS, Waldron G. Karp is survived by his daughter, Sher Karp, and grandson, Jacob; 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 5 from northbound Tustin Ranch Road, approximately post mile 28.224, to southbound Tustin Ranch Road, approximately post mile R.28.456, in the City of Tustin as the Officer and Medal of Valor Recipient Waldron G. Karp 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 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.