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SCR-92 Deputy Sheriff Robert Rumfelt Memorial Highway. (2017-2018)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 92

CHAPTER 116

Relative to the Deputy Sheriff Robert Rumfelt Memorial Highway.

[Filed with Secretary of State July 06, 2018.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 92, McGuire. Deputy Sheriff Robert Rumfelt Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 29 in the County of Lake as the Deputy Sheriff Robert Rumfelt 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, Deputy Sheriff Robert Rumfelt was born in Napa on December 7, 1966, as the first of three children born to Robert and Juanita Rumfelt; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt was raised in the County of Lake, where he attended Minnie Cannon Elementary School in Middletown, Burns Valley Elementary School in Clearlake, Oak Hill Elementary School in Lower Lake, and Terrace Middle School in Lakeport, and graduated from Clear Lake High School in Lakeport in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt, immediately upon graduation, answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps where he learned honor, courage, and commitment, traits which he carried throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt served with distinction as a United States Marine Corps infantryman assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Division in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, until he was honorably discharged as a sergeant in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt, while enlisted as a United States Marine, was awarded the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation Medal, the National Defense Ribbon, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Rifle Sharpshooter Badge; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt was employed as a seasonal "hotshot/wilderness ranger" with the United States Forest Service in Upper Lake from 1993 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt put himself through the Napa Valley Junior College Police Academy, graduated from the Academy in 1994, and continued his education, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Union Institute and University in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt worked as a police officer for the City of Lakeport in the County of Lake from 1995 to 2009, inclusive, as a patrol officer and K-9 handler; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt was awarded basic, intermediate, and advanced certificates from the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Robert Rumfelt married Kelly Hoskenson, and they raised two lovely, intelligent, and caring daughters, Nikki and Britany, in the City of Lakeport; and

WHEREAS, From 2006 to 2009, inclusive, Robert Rumfelt took a leave of absence from the Lakeport Police Department to serve as a police advisor to Iraqi law enforcement agencies in Ramadi, Baghdad, Kurdistan, and Mosul; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt was recognized by United States Army Lieutenant Colonel Kirk C. Dorr as "the most accomplished Law Enforcement Professional in [his] forward-deployed Army Division" after the rescue of a soldier on March 3, 2010, following an improvised explosive device attack on their convoy in which three soldiers were injured. While still in contact with the enemy, Robert, at great personal risk, ran from the last vehicle in the patrol to the front of the convoy, and personally extracted a grievously injured soldier. Due to Robert's heroic efforts, the soldier was medically evacuated in just enough time for doctors to save his life; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt was known for having a tough exterior, steel-eyed, penetrating gaze, and a caring, compassionate heart, who would help any friend or stranger in need; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt was hired as a deputy sheriff for the County of Lake Sheriff's Office in 2014, and served as a patrol deputy, firearms instructor, field training officer, and gang task force member; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt dedicated countless hours to mentoring at-risk youth, and coaching the Clear Lake High School football team where he had a lasting impact on the character, development, and maturity of dozens of athletes and countless youth; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt was known for his direct style of communication in which nobody left a conversation with him wondering what was on Rob's mind; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt loved the United States Marine Corps, his law enforcement family, his friends, the Oakland Raiders, hunting with his dogs, scuba diving, skydiving, good rum, and above all, his family; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt died in the line of duty on August 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rumfelt is survived by his wife Kelly, his daughter Nikki Minotti and her husband John Minotti, his grandsons Robby and Johnny, his daughter Britany, his mother Juanita Dickson and her husband Mark, his father Robert and his wife Leslie, his sister Melanie Brown and her husband Paul, his brother Ronald and his wife Samantha, his sister Amy, his sister Gina Yee and her husband Darrell, his sister Gwen Brown and her husband Randy, his nieces Sarah, Monique, and Madison, and his nephews, Shane, Randy (Lil Bear), Jake, Joseph, Wyatt, DeMarcus, and DeAngelo, and a large extended family; 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 State Highway Route 29 from the intersection of State Highway Route 175 in the City of Lakeport (post mile R40.144) to the 11th Street Undercrossing (post mile R42.677) in the County of Lake as the Deputy Sheriff Robert Rumfelt Memorial Highway; and be it further

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