

Introduced by Senator Nielsen

February 21, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13—Relative to the Redding Police Officer Owen “Ted” Lyon Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 13, as introduced, Nielsen. Redding Police Officer Owen “Ted” Lyon Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the North Market Street Bridge located on State Highway Route 273 as it crosses the Sacramento River into downtown in the City of Redding as the Redding Police Officer Owen “Ted” Lyon Memorial Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Police Officer Owen “Ted” Lyon was born on June
2 6, 1931, in Socorro, New Mexico. He graduated from Red Bluff
3 High School in 1949 and went on to junior college for one and
4 one-half years to study electrical engineering. He worked for the
5 Paul Bunyan Lumber Company in Anderson, California, from
6 April 1957 to September 1961, inclusive. On September 7, 1961,
7 he joined the Redding Police Department; and
8 WHEREAS, Officer Ted Lyon was killed in the line of duty on
9 May 18, 1967. He and his partner, Jon Kelbaugh, had responded
10 to the address of 1047 Gilbert Street in the City of Redding on a
11 domestic violence incident where it had been reported that a drunk

1 man had been fighting with his wife in an apartment and had
2 threatened her with a gun; and

3 WHEREAS, As both officers approached the front door on foot,
4 a man stepped out from behind the door firing a .32 caliber
5 handgun and Officer Lyon was shot in the chest by the suspect
6 and fell to the ground still holding his service weapon and Officer
7 Kelbaugh was also shot in the abdomen and the back; and

8 WHEREAS, After retreating, Officer Kelbaugh, who survived
9 the assault engaged the suspect in a gun battle using a shotgun and
10 the suspect was killed. Officer Kelbaugh loaded Officer Lyon into
11 a police unit and drove him to the Redding Medical Center where
12 he died approximately 24 hours later; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Lyon was 35 years of age, had six years
14 of service with the Redding Police Department, and was survived
15 by his brother, Herbert Lyon, his nephew, Curtis Lyon, and his
16 daughter, Tina Combs; and

17 WHEREAS, Many officers from the Redding Police Department
18 and the Shasta County Sheriff's Department responded to the
19 hospital to donate blood and nearly 60 pints of blood were collected
20 in an effort to save the life of Officer Lyon; and

21 WHEREAS, On September 18, 2012, the Redding City Council
22 unanimously approved authorization for the Redding Police
23 Department to proceed with this request to create the Redding
24 Police Officer Owen "Ted" Lyon Memorial Bridge; and

25 WHEREAS, Officer Lyon made the ultimate sacrifice in the
26 performance of his duties protecting his fellow citizens, and
27 because his dedication to duty is in the highest tradition of law
28 enforcement and the Redding Police Department; now, therefore,
29 be it

30 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
31 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature designates the North
32 Market Street Bridge in Redding as the Redding Police Officer
33 Owen "Ted" Lyon Memorial Bridge as a fitting tribute to his
34 memory, service, and sacrifice; and be it further

35 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation install signs
36 on Sacramento River Bridge #6-14, located on State Highway
37 Route 273 where it crosses the Sacramento River into downtown
38 in the City of Redding, with one sign to be located on the
39 northbound side of the bridge at milepost 17.08 and the second

1 sign to be located on the southbound side of the bridge at milepost
2 17.23; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
4 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
5 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
6 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations
7 from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and
8 be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
10 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
11 author for appropriate distribution.

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14 **CORRECTIONS:**

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