

Introduced by Senator Dahle
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Bigelow)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 89—Relative to the Deputy Sheriff Brian “Ish” Ishmael Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 89, as introduced, Dahle. Deputy Sheriff Brian “Ish” Ishmael Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Route 50 in the County of El Dorado as the Deputy Sheriff Brian “Ish” Ishmael Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Brian David “Ish” Ishmael was born at Marshall
2 Hospital in Placerville, California, on December 12, 1981, to Don
3 and Kim Ishmael; and
4 WHEREAS, With his genuine smile and a heart of gold, Brian
5 always found the very best in every person he met; and
6 WHEREAS, Brian was a local child who attended schools in
7 the County of El Dorado, graduating from Ponderosa High School
8 in 2000. In high school, Brian showed a special interest in, and
9 excelled at, auto body shop and peer counseling. It was during
10 these early years that Brian made some of his lifelong friendships,
11 which would lead him to meeting his wife, Katie, at the age of 16;
12 and

1 WHEREAS, After high school, Brian moved to Texas where
2 he attended Universal Technical Institute, but he maintained his
3 close friendships in the County of El Dorado. After returning from
4 Texas, Brian became an auto body technician, and, although he
5 loved working on cars, Brian regretted not having served in the
6 military and found he had a calling to become a police officer; and

7 WHEREAS, With his 30th birthday approaching, Brian felt it
8 was his last chance to follow through on his dream of becoming
9 a police officer. With a wife and two young daughters at home,
10 and while working full time, Brian entered the Basic Law
11 Enforcement Academy offered through American River College.
12 After completing his training, Brian found his first law enforcement
13 family with the Placerville Police Department in March 2013.
14 During this time, Brian and Katie welcomed their third child, a
15 son, completing their happy family of five; and

16 WHEREAS, In October 2015, Brian found his final law
17 enforcement family with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office
18 and, as he did in every facet of his life, Brian immediately became
19 a favorite of his partners and all who met him on a personal and
20 professional level. Brian's demeanor while performing law
21 enforcement duties exemplified fairness, compassion, and a
22 willingness to serve, which will leave a lasting impression on those
23 with whom he came in contact throughout his career. Brian, who
24 was meant to be a police officer and took much pride in wearing
25 the badge, was a hard worker, a role model, and leader who shared
26 his joy for life with everyone he met; and

27 WHEREAS, In the early hours of October 23, 2019, Brian was
28 on patrol and responded to a call for a theft of marijuana from what
29 was later found to be an illegal marijuana grow. Brian and his
30 off-duty ride-along were immediately met with gunfire and returned
31 fire. During the gun battle, Brian was struck multiple times. The
32 off-duty officer, having also been shot, was able to assist in
33 removing Brian from the scene in an attempt to save his life. Sadly,
34 Brian passed away in the ambulance on the way to the same
35 hospital where he was born 37 years before. After an extensive
36 investigation, three men who were tending the illegal marijuana
37 grow and the homeowner were arrested; and

38 WHEREAS, Brian is survived and forever remembered by his
39 wife, Katie, their children Prudence, Zoey, and Cash, his parents
40 Kim and Don, his sister Brenda, and his loving extended family

1 and friends. Brian will be missed by his family, friends, and the
2 entire El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office family. Brian is a hero
3 for the man he was—husband, father, friend, and so much more
4 to so many; now, therefore be it

5 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
6 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the
7 contributions of Deputy Sheriff Brian David “Ish” Ishmael to the
8 people of California and designates the portion of State Route 50
9 in the County of El Dorado from eastbound exit 44A to Missouri
10 Flat Road (post mile 14.80) to the Ray Lawyer Drive Overcrossing
11 OC#25-117 (post mile 16.50) as the Deputy Sheriff Brian “Ish”
12 Ishmael Memorial Highway; and be it further

13 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
14 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
15 signage requirements for the state highway system, showing this
16 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
17 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
18 further

19 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
20 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
21 for appropriate distribution.