

- 4) The author or co-author of the resolution must represent the district in which the facility is located, and the resolution must identify the specific highway segment or structure being named.
- 5) The segment of highway being named must not exceed five miles in length.
- 6) The proposed designation must reflect a community consensus and be without local opposition.
- 7) The proposed designation may not supersede an existing designation unless the sponsor can document that a good faith effort has uncovered no opposition to rescinding the prior designation.

This resolution:

- 1) Recounts the careers and deaths of San Joaquin Sheriff's Deputies Floyd Coleman and Michael Coleman.
- 2) Designates a portion of State Route 120 from South Van Allen Road, at postmile 13.83, to North Ripon Road, at postmile 9.82, in the County of San Joaquin as the "San Joaquin County Sheriff's Deputies Floyd and Michael Coleman Memorial Highway".
- 3) Requests Caltrans 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 that cost, to erect those signs.

COMMENTS:

- 1) *Purpose of the resolution.* According to the author, "This resolution is necessary to honor the extraordinary service and sacrifice of San Joaquin County Sheriff's Deputies Floyd Coleman and his son, Michael Coleman. Both men dedicated their lives to protecting their community through their work in law enforcement, exemplifying professionalism, courage, and commitment to public safety. Their tragic passing on the same day underscores the profound risks faced by those who serve. Designating a portion of State Route 120 as the Floyd and Michael Coleman Memorial Highway ensures their legacy is permanently recognized and preserved. This designation provides the community, their colleagues, and their loved ones with a lasting tribute that reflects their dedication and sacrifice, while reminding future generations of the

importance of public service and the cost at which it sometimes comes.”

- 2) *Background.* Floyd Coleman, along with his son Michael Coleman, lived in the City of Manteca, where Michael attended school. In 1954, Floyd Coleman was sworn in as a member of the sheriff’s auxiliary, eventually serving as the Sheriff’s Office’s Range Master. In this role, Floyd trained young deputies how to properly use firearms.

Following in his father’s footsteps, Michael eventually joined the San Joaquin County Sheriff’s Office as a cadet, and was soon promoted to deputy. While with the Sheriff’s office, Michael worked in the Custody Division, Patrol Division, and as an undercover detective in the Metropolitan Narcotics Task Force.

On March 25, 1982, Floyd was working at the Sheriff’s Office’s range while Michael helped serve a search warrant for drugs in Stockton. An exchange of gunfire occurred while serving the search warrant and Michael was shot. He was rushed to the local Dameron Hospital in critical condition. Meanwhile, a patrol unit arrived at the range to take Floyd to the hospital to see Michael. However, as the patrol unit approached the hospital, Floyd suffered a heart attack and was quickly rushed inside.

Floyd and Michael were both pronounced dead by the same doctor within five minutes of each other after arriving at the hospital. They were later laid to rest side by side in St. John’s Catholic Cemetery in the City of Escalon. Both Floyd and Michael are still remembered for their hard work and dedication to professionalism in law enforcement.

- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with committee policy.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.)

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

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