



March 11, 2009

Honorable Paul Krekorian, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4005
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 671 – Support

Dear Assemblymember Krekorian:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 3,200 rank and file deputy sheriffs, sheriffs, deputy probation officers, investigators and counselors, coroners and bailiffs – the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County - supports AB 671.

This bill authorizes the Governor of California, for the first time in our state's history, to enact the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act. The Medal will be presented each year in the name of the State of California, as a Medal of Valor for one public safety officer, cited by the Attorney General for his or her extraordinary valor - valor above and beyond the call of duty.

This will be an honor that no law enforcement officer wants to receive, but one which we will all acknowledge deserves to be given. There have been many past unrecognized candidates, and the numbers appear to grow each year. We thank you for this thoughtful measure.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara
President

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