



March 9, 2009

Honorable Kevin Jeffries, Member  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5128  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 33 – SUPPORT

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents more than 3,200 rank and file deputy sheriffs, sheriffs, deputy probation officers, investigators, counselors, coroners and bailiffs – the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County - supports ACR 33.

Kent Alan Hintergardt was a young man, who since childhood held a dream. He graduated from high school, and followed a part of his quest by earning an Associate's Degree in Police Science from Rio Hondo College. He worked hard, but like many, he did not enter his chosen field right away but first earned his living as an Assistant Manager for Von's grocery stores for ten years before he joined the L.A. County Sheriff's Dept and followed his dream.

His first assignment may not have been a dream as much as nightmare. He apprenticed at the Los Angeles County Central Jail, which is rough on new officers. In 1991, he joined the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and was transferred eventually to the City of Temecula. Two years later on Mother's Day, at age 33, he was shot and killed in response to a domestic violence call. He was that city's first police officer killed in the line of duty. That day, he left a grieving mother, and father, brothers and sisters, and the community that especially mourned for his wife, Linda, who was left to care for daughter Marissa and to give birth seven months after Kent's death to his second child, daughter Kena. Linda has now remarried, but Kent's death was so wrenching that she remains a most active member of a national organization, Concerns of Police Survivors. She needed to turn her tragic circumstances into a positive, and we believe your resolution, too, gives an affirmation to the stature of this young deputy who sacrificed his life in serving and protecting the residents of both Los Angeles and Riverside Counties.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara  
President

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