

**Business Transportation & Housing Agency
Acting Secretary Brian Kelly
California Highway Patrol Memorial Service
Tuesday, May 7, 2013 9:30 a.m.
CHP Training Academy**

Good morning. Thank you for inviting me here today. I welcome the opportunity to express my tremendous respect for all the men and women of the California Highway Patrol who work day-in-and-day-out to keep us safe and uphold the rule of law in this Great State.

It is a real honor for me to join with you on this occasion to recognize the great sacrifices that members of the Highway Patrol have made in service to the public.

I know there are many families here who have suffered great loss because of those sacrifices. I am here today to express my condolences to you; to honor the work of your loved ones; and to tell you how much I appreciate the sacrifices you have made, so your loved one could serve all of us. To each of you, I say 'Thank you.'

I also want to extend my condolences to the family of Officer Kenyon Youngstrom. Officer Youngstrom took the Officer's Creed and subscribed in word and deed to the following:

“[To] assist those in peril or distress, and, if necessary, lay down my life rather than swerve from the path of duty.”

Officer Youngstrom and the other 222 officers being honored today kept fidelity to this oath, displaying courage, and great loyalty to the People of California. We are forever grateful for their sacrifice.

To all the men and women of the Patrol and on behalf of the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency, I thank you for your public service and your continued commitment to honor and integrity.

Now, it is my great privilege and distinct honor to introduce to you the Governor of the State of California, Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

Thank you.