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Chief Justice George Speaks Today at Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony

Sacramento—California Chief Justice Ronald M. George today will pay tribute to the memory of 19 law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty, 10 of them during 2008. The remarks will be made at the 33rd Annual Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony, 10th Street and Capitol Mall.

In brief remarks, Chief Justice George will state: "I preside over a court system that could not exist without the service of those of you standing in uniform before me. But I also am here as a grateful citizen. All of us are here to bear witness to the sacrifice of these 19 brave officers, and to offer thanks for the depth of their service."

The state's top jurist also will note that law enforcement officers represent the "rule of law," whether they write a citation, break up a fight, chase an armed suspect, guard a prisoner, investigate a crime, or comfort a victim. Without them, "our system of justice could not function."

Chief Justice George will deliver remarks at the public Enrollment Ceremony, to be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The annual event is sponsored by the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation (CPOMF). For more information about the ceremony, please see the CPOMF Web site: www.camemorial.org.

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