

This resolution designates the portion of Interstate 80 from the Antelope Road overcrossing, number 24-0129, at postmile 16.68 in the County of Sacramento to the Douglas Boulevard overcrossing, number 19-0079, at postmile 1.98 in the County of Placer as the CHP Officer Lucas F. Chellew Memorial Highway. The Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signage showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

COMMENTS:

- 1) *Purpose.* The purpose of this resolution is to memorialize the contributions of CHP Officer Lucas F. Chellew.
- 2) *Background.* CHP Officer Lucas F. Chellew enlisted in the United States Army at 18 years of age. Officer Chellew proudly served his country for five years of active duty and three years in the Army Reserve, including deployments to the Netherlands, Afghanistan, and Germany, as Military Police, and earning the rank of Sergeant E-5 before his discharge. In 2008, Officer Chellew entered the California Highway Patrol Academy and began his career as a motorcycle officer just a year later. Tragically, in 2017, Officer Chellew was killed in the line of duty in pursuit of a stolen motorcycle. Officer Chellew is survived by his wife of two years, Christina, his daughter, Hadley, his son, Cameron, his father, Charles, his mother, Marion, and his sister, Hanna.
- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee's policy on highway designation.

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

None.

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

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- 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 designates the portion of State Highway Route 85 from post mile 5.222 to post mile 6.136 in the County of Santa Clara as the Michael “Mike” Jason Katherman Memorial Highway. The Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signage showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

COMMENTS:

- 1) *Purpose.* The purpose of this resolution is to memorialize the contributions of San Jose Police Officer Michael “Mike” Jason Katherman.
- 2) *Background.* Officer Katherman was raised in San Jose. He began his career as a motorcycle officer as part of the department’s traffic enforcement unit. Officer Katherman was always ready to lend a helping hand and was the director of the Police Chaplaincy Board and the Vice President of the Keith Kelley Club, an internal organization that provides support for officers and their families who endure hard times. Later in his career, Officer Katherman served as a patrol officer. During this time he earned the department’s Outstanding Police Duty Award in 2009. Tragically, while on patrol he was struck and killed by another vehicle. Officer Katherman is survived by his wife April, sons Joshua and Jason, parents Tom and Dianna, and brother Nate Katherman.
- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee’s policy on highway designation.

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

None.

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

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- 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 historical atrocities surrounding the life of Christopher Columbus.
- 2) Requests Caltrans to remove the “The Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway” designation from the portion of Interstate 10 in California, as well as any signage and markers memorializing that designation, and advise the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the state’s action.
- 3) Resolves that ACR 106 (Resolution Chapter 71 of the Statutes of 1976), naming the highway, is effectively overturned and reversed.
- 4) Resolves that if there are any efforts to replace the removed signage, these efforts should involve public input and feedback, including input and participation from the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission.
- 5) Requires the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of the resolution to the legislatures of the other states that Interstate 10 passes through with a request that they take similar action; and to the Director of Transportation and to the Executive Director of the FHWA.

COMMENTS:

- 1) *Purpose of the resolution.* According to the author, “In recent years, the State Legislature has taken a number of positive actions to acknowledge past transgressions against Indigenous peoples, correct the historical record, and re-evaluate the priorities and values that govern the decisions to honor and promote the memory of historical individuals for their leadership, courage, and

good works. ACR 177 is another step to promote increased cultural understanding sensitivity and empathy throughout the state for Indigenous people, especially for the approximately 160,000 Native Americans who reside in Los Angeles County, and those who live in regions along the entire route of Interstate 10 in California.”

- 2) *Background.* Interstate 10 is the southernmost cross-country highway in the Interstate Highway System. I-10 covers nearly 2,500 miles through the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. It is traveled by millions of Americans throughout the year. In 1976, the Legislature approved ACR 106 (Chimbole, Chapter 71, Statutes of 1976), which designated the portion of Interstate 10 in California as “the Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway,” as a way to celebrate him as “a distinguished pioneer, revered by millions for his exploits.”
- 3) *Removal of Memorial Designations and Signage.* In September 2020, the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Department of State Parks, and Caltrans announced a series of actions the agencies will take to begin to address discriminatory names and inequities in the state’s parks and transportation system by identifying and redressing discriminatory names of features attached. The announcement states that, “the moves come in the wake of a national conversation about the names of geographic features, markers and statues affiliated with the Civil War, genocide of Native Americans and other remnants of institutionalized discrimination.” Specifically speaking to the transportation system, the announcement states, “Caltrans will carry out a detailed review of all named assets located on the state transportation system and develop a proposal identifying those to be renamed or rescinded.”

ACR 177 requests Caltrans to remove the “The Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway” designation from the portion of Interstate 10 in California, as well as any signage and markers memorializing that designation. Additionally, the resolution states that if there are any efforts to replace the removed signage, these efforts should involve public input and feedback, including input and participation from the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission.

According to the City of Los Angeles, one of the sponsors of the resolution, “continuing to honor an individual who represents a source of violence and historical trauma for Indigenous Peoples demonstrates insensitivity, a lack of empathy and denial of the truth, the City’s Sponsored Resolution ACR 177 calls on the California Department of Transportation to remove the “Christopher

Columbus” designation on the California segment of the Interstate-10, reversing a previous legislative resolution adopted in 1976.”

The City strongly believes in supporting efforts to name public facilities that promote respect, peace and healing, and the revitalization of Indigenous languages and cultures. Actions previously taken by the City to promote such cultural sensitivity include establishing Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday, and removing the statue of Christopher Columbus from Grand Park on November 10th, 2018.”

Writing in opposition, a private citizen stating they are a member of the California Italian-American Task Force notes, “this resolution contains false and inflammatory language regarding Christopher Columbus, and is offensive to California’s nearly 1.5 million Italian-American residents.”

According to Caltrans, this is the first Assembly Concurrent Resolution requiring the removal of a highway sign. It should also be noted that, according to Caltrans, “The Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway” signage on Interstate 10 was stolen before the introduction of this resolution, and Caltrans does not plan to replace the sign.

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

None.

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

- City of Los Angeles (co-sponsor)
- County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (co-sponsor)
- Los Angeles City/county Native American Commission (co-sponsor)
- University of California Los Angeles (co-sponsor)

OPPOSITION:

- 1 Private Citizen

- 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 designates the portion of the Buena Vista Avenue overpass at postmile marker 29.985 on State Route 101 in the County of San Luis Obispo as the Detective Luca Benedetti Memorial Overpass. The Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signage showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

COMMENTS:

- 1) *Purpose.* The purpose of this resolution is to memorialize the contributions of Detective Luca Benedetti.
- 2) *Background.* Detective Benedetti was born in San Francisco to Italian immigrant parents. Detective Benedetti graduated from the Allan Hancock Police Academy and began his career with the Atascadero Police Department in 2008, moving to the San Luis Obispo Police Department in 2012, wherein he became a member of the San Luis Obispo Regional SWAT Team. Tragically, Detective Benedetti was killed in the line of duty on May 10, 2021, while serving a search warrant as a member of the SWAT Team.
- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee’s policy on highway designation.

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

None.

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

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This resolution designates the rest area on Interstate 80 in the City of Vallejo in the County of Solano as the Medal of Honor Safety Roadside Rest Area. The Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signage showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

COMMENTS:

- 1) *Purpose.* The purpose of this resolution is to memorialize the contributions of the Medal of Honor recipients who were born, entered service, had their last home of record, settled, died, or were buried in the City of Vallejo.
- 2) *Background.* The City of Vallejo is the home of the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard and has a large concentration of veterans who have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States. These service members have served in peacetime and war, including World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Philippines, and other places. Some examples include: James Cooney, William Halford, Alexander Parker, Richard D. Dunphy, William S. Bond, Patrick J. Burke, George Carter, Anund C. Roark, Robert H. Young, John O. Dahlgren, Frank A. Young, Johan Johansson, Richard Willis, Henry Thompson, Reinhardt J. Keppler, William Johnson, and Thomas Lakin.
- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee's policy on highway designation.

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

None.

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

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- 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 life and career of Police Officer Tyler “Ty” Lenehan.
- 2) Designates the portion of State Route 99 between the Sheldon Road Overcrossing BR 24-0374 at postmile 14.869 and Grant Line Road at postmile 10.070 as the “Police Officer Tyler “Ty” Lenehan 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.* The purpose of the resolution is to acknowledge and commemorate the life and service of Police Officer Tyler “Ty” Lenehan.
- 2) *Background.* Tyler “Ty” Lenehan was born in Provo, Utah, on July 16, 1977, and graduated from Oak Ridge High School in El Dorado Hills. After graduation, he became an aircraft structural maintenance journeyman in the United States Air Force. Lenehan later married Jessica Hartstock and was the proud father of two children, Austin and Sydney. Lenehan graduated from the police academy in 2012 through the Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center at American River College, after which he became a reserve police officer with the Citrus Heights Police Department. He later worked at the Galt Police Department from 2014 to 2016 where he became a motor officer. He then moved onto the Elk Grove Police Department beginning in 2016, where he started working patrol and ultimately become a motor officer in 2020. Outside of his professional life, Lenehan was involved with Gold Country Baptist Church in Shingle Springs, loved spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, camping, and barbecuing. Lenehan’s watch ended

while on duty January 21, 2022, when he sustained fatal injuries as the result of being hit on State Highway 99 near 12th Avenue in Sacramento by a drunk driver who was driving in the wrong direction. At the request of the City of Elk Grove, its officials, employees, and residents, a freeway dedication will be made in memory of Police Officer Tyler “Ty” Lenehan.

- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee’s policy on highway designation.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No
None.

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)

OPPOSITION:

None received

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- 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 life and career of Stockton Police Officer Jimmy Arty Inn.
- 2) Designates the portion of State Route 4 from Interstate 5, at post mile R16.059, to State Route 99, at post mile R19.407, in the City of Stockton, as the “Officer Jimmy Arty Inn 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.* The purpose of the resolution is to acknowledge and commemorate the life and service of Stockton Police Officer Jimmy Arty Inn.
- 2) *Background.* Jimmy Arty Inn was a City of Stockton resident who attended Ronald E. McNair High School and was a graduate of San Joaquin Delta College’s Basic Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Academy. Officer Jimmy Arty Inn, at age 30, was hired by the Stockton Police Department (SPD) in December 2015 and was most recently assigned to the Field Operations Division, where he was also a member of the SPD Honor Guard. Jimmy was an upstanding member of the community, known for his willingness to help others and for loving and caring for his family.

At approximately 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, Officer Inn responded to a disturbance call in the 4400 block of La Cresta Way after a caller reported hearing screaming, saw a woman with a ripped shirt who was bleeding and appeared to have been assaulted. Shortly after arriving on scene, Officer Inn was in front of the residence when he was shot by the suspect. A second

Stockton Police Officer arrived on scene and fired his duty weapon at the suspect, who then briefly entered his home and returned moments later holding a young child and began to strangle the child and refused to comply with the officer's commands. A community member tackled the suspect and as the second officer approached, that officer discharged his duty weapon, striking the suspect.

Officer Inn was transported to a local hospital where he died from his injuries, and the suspect was also transported to an area hospital where he also died from his injuries. Officer Inn leaves a legacy of compassion, fairness, and an ideal for those who knew him to continue to aspire to. Officer Inn is survived by his wife, Tela, who is also a Stockton Police Officer, a 7-month-old son, a 12-year-old stepdaughter, and a 14-year-old stepson.

- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee's policy on highway designation.

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

None.

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)

OPPOSITION:

None received

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- 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 measure designates a portion of State Route 101 in the County of Monterey between the Underwood Road, at postmile 51.060, and Kenny Road, at postmile 50.285, as the Army Specialist Eduardo Silva Memorial Highway. The Department of Transportation is requested 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 non-state sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

COMMENTS:

- 1) *Purpose.* The purpose of this resolution is to acknowledge and commemorate the life and service of Army Specialist Eduardo Silva.
- 2) *Background.* Army Specialist Eduardo Silva grew up in the City of Greenfield, California. After graduating from Greenfield High School in 2002, Silva enlisted in the Army in August of 2006. Silva served with the 563rd Aviation Support Battalion, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. He was first deployed to Afghanistan in November of 2008. During his third deployment, Silva sustained a fatal injury on June 9, 2009, in a noncombat-related incident in Bagram, Afghanistan. During his career of service, Silva earned numerous awards and decorations that include the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Weapons Qualification: M4-rifle, expert.

Silva is survived by his wife, Rosalinda Silva, his parents, Sara and Eduardo Silva, a brother, Enrique, and two sisters, Elizabeth and Erika.

- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee's policy on highway designation.

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

None.

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

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This resolution designates the portion of State Route 101 in the County of Monterey, from the Sala Road Overcrossing, PM 92.190, to the Prunedale South Road Overcrossing, PM 94.071, as the PFC George Howell Memorial Highway. The Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signage showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

COMMENTS:

- 1) *Purpose.* The purpose of this resolution is to memorialize the contributions of Private First Class George Howell.
- 2) *Background.* Private First Class George Howell enlisted in the United States Army at 24 years of age. After completing basic training, Howell's assigned unit, the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division, was deployed to Iraq. Tragically, On December 21, 2007, Howell was killed when his vehicle struck a roadside bomb outside Riyadh, north of Baghdad. Howell was awarded a Purple Heart and the Army Service Ribbon for his commitment and sacrifice for his country. Howell is survived by his wife, Kristen, and two children, his son, Raiden, and daughter, Niya.
- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee's policy on highway designation.

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

None.

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

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- 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 life and career of Army Specialist Roger Lee.
- 2) Designates the portion of State Highway Route 68 located between Morse Drive at postmile 2.26 and Skyline Forest Drive at postmile 3.37 in the County of Monterey as the “Army Specialist Roger Lee 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.* The purpose of the resolution is to acknowledge and commemorate the life and service Army Specialist Roger Lee. According to the author, “Army Specialist Roger Lee was a passionate and selfless leader who was taken from the Monterey community too early. Given his ultimate sacrifice for this country, we would like to rename a portion of the State Highway in Monterey County in his honor.”
- 2) *Background.* United States (U.S.) Army Specialist Roger Lee was born and raised in Monterey, California. After graduating from Monterey High School he attended an auto mechanic trade school in Arizona. There he met his future wife, Elvina, who attended the same school. The couple had one child, a daughter named Jazmyne.

Lee settled on California’s Central Coast with his family, working as an auto mechanic. However, his older brother, Linstun, said that Lee “wanted to serve his nation. He had wanted to do it since he was 10 years old.” Lee joined the U.S. Army and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, based

in Hohenfels, Germany, and was deployed to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Lee was killed in action on July 6, 2010, along with two others in an attack on their vehicle by insurgents with an improvised explosive device in Qalat, Afghanistan.

Lee's childhood friend, Joe Solis, remarked that Lee "had a passion for everything. Everything he did, he put his heart and soul into it. He would get everything done for others before he would take care of himself." Among family and friends, Lee is remembered as a fearless adventurer who loved hot rods, his country, and his family. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee's policy on highway designation.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No
None.

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

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- 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 designates the portion of State Highway Route 1 between post mile 75.5 and 76.5 near Presidio in the County of Monterey as the Sergeant 1st Class Sean K. Mitchell Memorial Highway.

COMMENTS:

- 1) *Purpose.* The purpose of this resolution is to acknowledge and commemorate the life and service of Sergeant 1st Class Sean K. Mitchell.
- 2) *Background.* On July 7, 2007, Sergeant 1st Class Sean K. Mitchell was killed after sustaining an injury during a sandstorm while supporting operations for the Trans-Sahara Counter Terrorism Partnership in Kidal, Mali. He was 35. Mitchell was the team leader for Special Operations Team Alpha 013 Military Intelligence Detachment, headquartered in Stuttgart, Germany.

Mitchell was born and raised in Monterey County, California. He received an Associates of Arts in 2002 for both Russian and Serbo-Croatian from the Defense Language Institute (DLI), Monterey.

Mitchell entered the service in 1997 and received his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Mitchell deployed to various locations in Africa and the Balkans and served multiple combat tours in Afghanistan. He is survived by his wife Sonja and their son Cameron, both of Stuttgart. He is also survived by his mother, Joan Mitchell of Monterey and his father Steven Mitchell.

- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee's policy on highway designation.

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

None

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

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- 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 life and career of Senior Master Sergeant John James Paoletti.
- 2) Designates the portion of State Route 5 between El Horno Street, at postmile 10.001 to Crown Valley Parkway, at postmile 13.776, in the County of Orange as the “Senior Master Sergeant John James Paoletti 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.* The purpose of this resolution is to acknowledge and commemorate the life and service of Senior Master Sergeant John James Paoletti.
- 2) *Background.* Senior Master Sergeant John James Paoletti (John) was born on November 24, 1924, in Alpha, New Jersey to Domenico and Rosa Paoletti. Domenico and Rosa immigrated from Foggia, Italy, to the United States (U.S) in 1919 and Domenico went on to serve his adopted country in the United States Army in the 99th Infantry Division during World War I and, during his service, he received many distinctions of honor, including the Purple Heart.

John attended Phillipsburg High School in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, and on July 29, 1943, he and many of his fellow classmates were drafted into the United States Army to help fight in World War II. John was sent to Camp

Davis in North Carolina for basic infantry training, then traveled to Europe, with Germany as the eventual destination. John was assigned to a radar and searchlight company in the U.S. Army's 99th Infantry Division, the same Infantry Division his father served in during World War I.

As boots on the ground in Germany during the Battle of the Bulge, John and his 99th Infantry Division were the first complete infantry division to cross the Rhine River to capture the Remagen Bridge, which proved pivotal in their mission to collapse the Ruhr Pocket. John was hit with shrapnel in his right eye and knee during the battles while pushing towards the Town of Moosburg, which had several prisoners of war (POW) camps, and once at the camps they fought and liberated over 100,000 Allied POWs, including members of their own 99th Infantry Division who were captured during the Battle of the Bulge.

On May 6, 1945, World War II ended, and John was sent to join the U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Division for the Invasion of Japan. John was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), Combat Central Europe Rhineland, and in 1946 John was honorably discharged. In 1949, John reenlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was sent to Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming. John's distinguished Air Force career included numerous cryptology assignments, many of which were considered classified and top secret.

John met and married Gloria while stationed in England and they were married for 59 years. They had four daughters, eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. They moved to the City of San Clemente in 1996, and John dedicated his retirement years to volunteering to teach young pupils the history of the U.S. by sharing his World War II experience. John created an hour-long presentation, complete with detailed maps, war memorabilia, wartime uniforms, and photos to engage pupils on what it was like to be boots on the ground during the Battle of the Bulge.

John inspired and made history come alive for many pupils, and one pupil was especially inspired. John learned before his passing in 2020 that a young high school pupil who attended his history talk was so inspired that he now serves as an active U.S. Navy Seal, and credits John as his inspiration to serve his country. Additionally, John volunteered at the Dorothy Visser Senior Center in the City of San Clemente during his lunch hour and was active in the Italian Catholic Federation. John loved attending local veteran events, highlighted by joining his fellow veterans in Honor Flight, and he was an active participant at the South Orange County Veterans Center. He was heavily involved with local veteran organizations as well as the senior centers in the City of San Clemente

3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee's policy on highway designation.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No
None.

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

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- 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 life and career of Corporal Luis Carlos Ruan.
- 2) Designates a portion of State Route 119, between E. Kern Street, postmile 0.34, and Cedar Street, postmile 1.300, in the County of Kern as the “Corporal Luis Carlos Ruan 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 resolution.* The purpose of the resolution is to acknowledge and commemorate the life and service Corporal Luis Carlos Ruan.
- 2) *Background.* Luis Carlos Ruan was born on January 26, 1997, in Long Beach, California to his parents, Juana Rodela and Sotero Ruan, and was a brother to two older sisters, Miriam and Nayeli Ruan. Luis moved to Taft, California when he was 8 years of age where he attended Jefferson Elementary, Roosevelt School, Lincoln Junior High, and graduated from Taft Union High in 2015. Luis loved to play with his friends in the neighborhood, making them laugh. He loved soccer and started playing in the American Youth Soccer Organization when he was nine years old. Luis started off as goalie and went on to play soccer for his junior high and high school teams.

Luis volunteered to serve his country, enlisting in the United States (U.S.) Army in the summer of 2016, which he hoped would help him achieve his goal of going to school and joining the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Luis left for boot camp in Fort Benning, Georgia. After graduating from boot camp Luis

was stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas, working for B Company, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division. He lived in El Paso, Texas while he was stationed at Fort Bliss for three years where he met friends and lived a nice life. Luis was in a military training accident on January 22, 2019, in which two other young men passed away, leaving him with a traumatic brain injury. He was sent to different hospitals while he and his family started their journey to his recovery. Luis returned to El Paso, Texas where he passed away on April 20, 2020. Luis is survived by his parents, two sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee's policy on highway designation.

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

None.

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, August 8, 2022.)

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

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Board believe a ship's anchor hit an oil pipeline off Huntington Beach and eventually led to the Oct. 2nd spill. Officials believe that the pipeline that sprung the leak had likely been dragged for over 100 feet by the container ship with its anchor down. This could have weakened the pipeline, and then a subsequent anchor strike or deterioration of the exposed pipe may have led to the 13-inch split that leaked oil. The oil spill affected wildlife, stopped fishing for weeks, closed many businesses who rely on the coastal waters and shorelines down for months and resulted in harmful tar balls along the beautiful beaches of the Orange County community. Several ships are under investigation for vessel anchorage strikes on the pipeline. Despite maps which prohibit anchoring near pipelines, there are few resources dedicated to ensuring that vessels do not anchor in areas that are unsafe.”

- 2) *An Unexpected Consequence of the Supply Chain Backlog?* A visible reminder of California's supply chain backlog, which has persisted for many months, is large queues of cargo vessels waiting to unload at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Like a parking lot at a crowded mall during Christmas, the number of vessels has exceeded the number of available “parking spaces” causing ships to anchor where they shouldn't. It is possible, though unproven, that the 25,000 gallons of crude oil spilled off the coast of Orange County on October 2, 2021 was the result of an illegal anchorage. Reducing the backlog of cargo ships awaiting to unload will reduce the illegal anchorages and the potential for additional oil spills. So too would heightened enforcement of anchorage regulations by the Coast Guard.
- 3) *Declining Backlog.* A recent report notes that the number of vessels waiting to unload at the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles has declined steeply since the beginning of the year, from 109 (a record) to 20 in July.

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Administration Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force to address state, national and global supply chain challenges. Additionally, the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development established the California Supply Chain Success Initiative to “engage the diverse network of stakeholders along the supply chain to discuss key challenges and identify creative solutions.”

The primary Congressional effort was the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022, a bipartisan bill signed by President Biden on June 16, 2022 which addresses unfair shipping price hikes and strengthens the maritime supply chain.

Despite these efforts supply chain issues persist. This resolution calls on Congress to enact additional appropriate legislation.

- 3) *Better than Advertised*. The resolution cites figures for the value of goods shipped through ports which look very low. **The author may wish to consider researching more accurate numbers.**

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effective, it should be directed to the ports where there is the greatest amount of throughput. When the federal government underinvests in its infrastructure or misallocates its infrastructure dollars, not only does California lose market share, jobs and economic development but it increases the costs on Californians for the trade in infrastructure and also indirectly in terms of emissions, congestion, and other costs.”

- 2) *Big Bump Up*. Had this resolution been implemented over the past decade, California would have received about \$5 billion in port infrastructure funding from the federal government, a big jump from the \$1.2 billion that was actually received by all West Coast ports combined.
- 3) *Lots of Need*. The recent supply chain issues have highlighted the many areas where California ports could profitably invest including increasing capacity at the ports, improving infrastructure for moving freight to and from the ports, and sustainability.

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