

Date of Hearing: July 10, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 103 (Cunningham) – As Introduced June 21, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Matthew “SLOStringer” Frank Memorial Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates a specific portion of State Route (SR) 101 in San Luis Obispo County as the "Matthew 'SLOStringer' Frank Memorial Highway." Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Matthew Frank.
- 2) Designates a portion of SR 101 between Avila Beach Drive and Spyglass Drive in San Luis Obispo County as the "Matthew 'SLOStringer' Frank Memorial Highway."
- 3) Requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources, covering that cost, to erect those signs.

**EXISTING LAW:** Assigns Caltrans with the responsibility of operating and maintaining the state highways including the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown, but the resolution requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

**COMMENTS:** Matthew Frank was born on March 6, 1987, to Jacquelyn and Steven Frank of San Luis Obispo. Matthew had a keen interest in public safety and the work of first responders and he combined this interest with his passion for photojournalism. Matthew, who went by the pseudonym of "SLO Stringer," covered breaking news all over San Luis Obispo County while highlighting the work of first responders. Matthew was widely appreciated by the first responders he covered.

Matthew was killed on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, while travelling north on SR 101 on his way to cover a house fire in the City of Atascadero when his vehicle left the road, rolled, and crashed into a tree. To remember the significant contribution Matthew made to his community, this resolution seeks to designate a portion of SR 101 in his honor.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

20 private citizens

**Opposition**

None on file

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