

Date of Hearing: March 14, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 135 (Dahle) – As Introduced February 8, 2016

**SUBJECT:** The Officer Jack Polen Memorial Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates a portion of State Highway Route (SR) 44 in Shasta County as the “Officer Jack Polen Memorial Highway.” Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Jack Polen, an officer in the California Highway Patrol.
- 2) Designates the portion of SR 44 between post mile R 27.882 at Wilson Hill Road and post mile 35.930 at Airport Way in Shasta County as the “Officer Jack Polen 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 the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways including the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

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

**COMMENTS:** Jack Polen graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy in 1980 and was stationed in the areas of Redwood City, Woodland, and Redding before being assigned to the SR 44 beat in 2002. Officer Polen patrolled SR 44 for four years, driving 126,251 miles, writing 3,436 citations, and making 125 DUI arrests, earning himself the nickname “The 44 Enforcer.” On December 9, 2013, Officer Polen lost his battle with cancer at the age of 56. Officer Polen is survived by his wife, his three daughters, and his three sons. This resolution designating a portion of SR 44 in Shingletown in his honor and acknowledges the significant role Officer Polen played in his community.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

Peace Officers Research Association of California  
Shingletown Highway 44 Safety Project

**Opposition**

None on file

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