

Date of Hearing: March 23, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Jim Frazier, Chair
ACR 14 (Irwin) – As Introduced January 29, 2015

SUBJECT: Deputy Sheriff Yevhen “Eugene” Kostiuhenko Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Names a two mile segment on State Route (SR) 101 in Ventura County as the Deputy Sheriff Yevhen "Eugene" Kostiuhenko Memorial Highway. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Deputy Sheriff Yevhen Kostiuhenko.
- 2) Designates the portion of SR 101 between Lewis Road/Junction SR 34 (at mile post 13.848) and Las Posas Road (at mile post 15.888) in the County of Ventura as the Deputy Sheriff Yevhen "Eugene" Kostiuhenko Memorial Highway.
- 3) Requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for a 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: Deputy Sheriff Yevhen Kostiuhenko was born in Kiev, Ukraine to Anatoliy and Nadiia Kostiuhenko on January 30, 1973. He was raised in Kiev where he attended secondary school and later attended Military University of Defense of Russian Federation in Moscow where he received a master's degree in linguistics. Deputy Sherriff Kostiuhenko served in the Ukranian Armed Forces from 1995 to 1999, where he achieved the rank of Captain. Later, Deputy Sherriff Kostiuhenko worked as a Military Intelligence Officer and served as a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Central Intelligence Agency and also served as the adjutant to the General of the Ukranian Army.

Deputy Sherriff Kostiuhenko began his career with the County of Ventura in 2003 and initially worked as the program administrator with the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and later was hired as a deputy sheriff trainee. Deputy Sherriff Kostiuhenko was sworn in as a deputy sheriff on November 29, 2007. He worked in the Detention Services Division until 2013 and was later transferred to patrol in the City of Camarillo.

On October 28, 2014, after completing an early morning traffic stop, Deputy Sherriff Kostiuhenko was killed when he was struck and killed by a drunk driver as he was walking back to his patrol car. Deputy Sherriff Kostiuhenko was known by many as a kind, compassionate, and caring individual who loved animals and had future aspirations to become a canine handler and member of the Sheriff's Office Bomb Team.

This resolution designates a the portion of SR 101 between Lewis Road/Junction SR 34 and Las Posas Road in the County of Ventura as the Deputy Sheriff Yevhen "Eugene" Kostiuchenko Memorial Highway. This resolution further requests that Caltrans erect appropriate signs upon receiving donations from non-state sources to cover the cost.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file.

Opposition

None on file.

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