

Date of Hearing: March 19, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 149 (Choi) – As Amended March 14, 2018

SUBJECT: Officer and Medal of Valor Recipient Waldron G. Karp Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a specified portion of Interstate 5 (I-5) in the City of Tustin as the “Officer and Medal of Valor Recipient Waldron G. Karp Memorial Highway”. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Waldron G. Karp, a Tustin Police Department Officer and Medal of Valor recipient.
- 2) Designates the portion of I-5 from northbound Tustin Ranch Road, approximately post mile 28.224, to southbound Tustin Ranch Road, approximately post mile R. 28.456, in the City of Tustin as the “Officer and Medal of Valor Recipient Waldron G. Karp 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. This includes 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: On January 7, 1973, Tustin Police Department Officer Waldron G. Karp succumbed to gunshot wounds that he sustained while assisting Orange County Sheriff's Department deputies. Officer Karp is the only Tustin Police Department officer to be killed in the line of duty. In recognition of his sacrifice, the City of Tustin established the Wally Karp Memorial Ceremony, and established the Wally Karp Memorial Scholarship. Officer Waldron G. Karp was 32 years of age at the time of his death and is survived by his daughter and grandson. This resolution designates a specific portion of I-5 in the City of Tustin as the “Officer and Medal of Valor Recipient Waldron G. Karp Memorial Highway” in acknowledgment for the significant contribution he made to his community.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Tustin Police Department

Opposition

None on file

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