

Date of Hearing: March 20, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 2 (Mayes) – As Amended February 9, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Police Officer Jose “Gil” Vega and Police Officer Lesley Zerebny Memorial Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates a portion of State Route (SR) 111 in Riverside County as the Police Officer Jose "Gil" Vega and Police Officer Lesley Zerebny Memorial Highway. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Officers Jose "Gil" Vega and Lesley Zerebny who served in the Palm Springs Police Department.
- 2) Designates a portion of SR 111 in the County of Riverside as the Police Officer Jose "Gil" Vega and Police Officer Lesley Zerebny Memorial Highway.
- 3) Requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of the 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 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:** Palm Springs Police Department Officers Vega and Zerebny were fatally shot in Palm Springs while responding to a domestic disturbance call on October 8, 2016. Officer Vega was nearing his planned retirement date of December 28, 2016 after a long, distinguished 34-year career in law enforcement. Officer Vega had been twice named the Palm Springs Police Department's Officer of the Year, first in 1992 and then again in 2011, and was set to receive a Special Recognition Award for his many years of exemplary and dedicated service.

Officer Zerebny was just beginning her career in law enforcement, having been hired by the Palm Springs Police Department in the 2014 and in 2016 was returning to work after giving birth to her daughter. Officer Zerebny came from a law enforcement family, with her father having served in the California Highway Patrol and her husband currently serving as a deputy in the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. This resolution designates a specific portion of SR 111 in Riverside County in honor of Officers Vega and Zerebny in acknowledgment for the significant contribution these officers made to their community.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 685  
Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs  
Association of Deputy District Attorneys  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Palm Springs  
Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
Los Angeles County Police Protective League  
Los Angeles County Probation Officers' Union  
Peace Officers Research Association of California  
Riverside Sheriffs' Association

**Opposition**

None on file

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