

Date of Hearing: March 20, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 22 (Baker) – As Introduced February 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Detective Sergeant Thomas A. Smith, Jr. Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of Interstate 680 (I-680) in Contra Costa County as the “Sergeant Thomas A. Smith Memorial Highway”. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Detective Sergeant Thomas A. Smith Jr.
- 2) Designates a portion of I-680 from Bollinger Canyon Road to Crow Canyon Road in the City of San Ramon and the County of Contra Costa as the "Detective Sergeant Thomas A. Smith, Jr. 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 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: Detective Sergeant Smith was a 23-year veteran of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Police Department. Detective Sergeant Smith was born in Hayward, California in 1971 and graduated from Moreau Catholic High School and later attended the police academy at the Alameda County Regional Training Center to train for the BART Police Department. He joined the BART Police Department at age 19 as a cadet and rose through the ranks serving as a K-9 handler, field training officer, and recruit training officer before becoming a detective and promoting to the rank of sergeant. Detective Sergeant Smith was killed on January 21, 2014 during a probation search of a suspect involving several robberies on BART property. This resolution designating a portion of I-680 in Contra Costa County serves to honor Detective Sergeant Thomas A. Smith, Jr. and acknowledge his service to the community.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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