

Date of Hearing: June 22, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 63 (Maienschein) – As Introduced May 5, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Tony Gwynn Memorial Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates a specific portion of Interstate 15 (I-15) in San Diego County as the "Tony Gwynn Memorial Highway." Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the lifetime accomplishments Tony Gwynn, a father, husband, community leader, and professional baseball player.
- 2) Designates a portion of I-15 from Pomerado Road to Scripps Poway Parkway/Mercy Road in San Diego County as the "Tony Gwynn 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 measure requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

**COMMENTS:** Born on May 9, 1960, Tony Gwynn graduated from Long Beach Poly High School and started at San Diego State University (SDSU) in 1977. Mr. Gwynn played both basketball and baseball for SDSU and was honored with multiple awards in both sports. In 1981, Mr. Gwynn was drafted by both the San Diego Padres and San Diego Clippers. Mr. Gwynn made his major league debut on July 19, 1982 and played over 20 seasons with the San Diego Padres. Throughout his professional baseball career, Mr. Gwynn was honored with multiple awards and was ultimately inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in July of 2007. Upon retirement from professional baseball, Mr. Gwynn was the baseball head coach at SDSU for 12 seasons.

A community leader, Mr. Gwynn along with his wife Dr. Alicia Gwynn, established the Tony and Alicia Gwynn Foundation – providing educational programs and services to underserved children in the areas of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM). Additionally, Mr. Gwynn's commitment to community service further resulted in his induction to the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame in 1999.

On June 14, 2014, Mr. Gwynn died from complications from his ongoing battle with salivary gland cancer. This resolution designating a specific portion of I-15 in honor of Tony Gwynn

acknowledges the significant role Mr. Gwynn played in his community and in professional baseball.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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