

Date of Hearing: June 13, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

SCR 111 (Mendoza) – As Amended March 10, 2016

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez Memorial Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates a portion of Interstate 5 (I-5) in the City of Downey in the County of Los Angeles as the “Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez Memorial Highway.” Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Ricardo Galvez, an officer in the Downey Police Department.
- 2) Designates the portion of I-5 between the San Gabriel River Bridge at post mile 7.06 and the Rio Hondo River Bridge at post mile 9.46 in the City of Downey in the County of Los Angeles as the “Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez 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:** Officer Galvez began his law enforcement career in 2006 with the Downey Police Department as a police aide. In 2008, Officer Galvez enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and was deployed overseas as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq. In 2010, Officer Galvez was hired by the Downey Police Department as a police cadet and began his career as a Downey Police Officer later that year. Officer Galvez established himself as a competent and compassionate police officer and strove to be a K-9 officer. On November 18, 2015, after finishing a training session with the department’s K-9 team, Officer Galvez returned to the station to complete his shift and, while seated in his vehicle adjacent to the police station, two individuals approached his car, shooting and killing him. Officer Galvez is survived by his mother, sisters, and brother. This resolution designating a portion of I-5 in Downey in his honor acknowledges the significant role Officer Galvez played in his community.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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