

Date of Hearing: June 22, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

SCR 27 (Huff) – As Amended April 16, 2015

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Fullerton Police Officer Jerry Hatch Memorial Highway.

SUMMARY: Designates a specific portion of State Route (SR) 91 in Orange County as the "Fullerton Police Officer Jerry Hatch Memorial Highway." Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the lifetime accomplishments Jerry Hatch, a father, husband, and officer with the Fullerton Police Department.
- 2) Designates a portion of SR 91 between College Boulevard and Magnolia Avenue in Orange County as the "Fullerton Police Officer Jerry Hatch 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 Hatch was described as someone who always had a smile and who had received two citizen citations in the six months he was on the force.

On Sunday, June 29, 1975, while on his way to work, Officer Hatch stopped to assist a motorist with an engine fire on the Beach Boulevard off ramp of SR 91. As he was placing his fire extinguisher back in his trunk, Officer Hatch was struck from behind by a drunk driver. On June 30, 1975, Officer Hatch succumbed to his injuries. Officer Hatch was the first Fullerton police officer to be killed in the line of duty.

Officer Hatch is survived by his parents, Paul and Dorothy Hatch; his wife, Ruth; and his daughter, Audrey, who was two years old at the time of his death. This resolution designating a specific portion of SR 91 in honor of Jerry Hatch acknowledges the significant role Officer Hatch played in his community and for the state.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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