

Date of Hearing: September 13, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

SCR 57 (Cannella) – As Amended September 11, 2017

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: Memorial highways

SUMMARY: Designate specified portions of State Highway 183, State Highway 101, and State Highway 218, in the County of Monterey, as the “United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Edward Balli Memorial Highway”, the “United States Army Specialist Ricardo Cerros, Jr. Memorial Highway”, the “United States Army Specialist Vilmar Galarza Hernandez Memorial Highway”, the “United States Army Sgt. Javier Sanchez Memorial Highway”, and the “United States Army Private First Class Coronado D. Javier Memorial Highway.” Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the service of several members of the United States military killed in action in Afghanistan.
- 2) Designates the portion of State Highway 183 from Davis Road to Espinosa Road in the City of Salinas in the County of Monterey as the “United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Edward Balli Memorial Highway.”
- 3) Designates the portion of State Highway 101 parallel to El Camino Real from approximately 300 El Camino Real to El Camino Real in the City of Salinas in the County of Monterey as the “United States Army Specialist Ricardo Cerros, Jr. Memorial Highway.”
- 4) Designates the portion of State Highway 183 from State Highway 101 to Davis Road in the City of Salinas in the County of Monterey as the “United States Army Specialist Vilmar Galarza Hernandez Memorial Highway.”
- 5) Designates the portion of State Highway 101 from Hudson Road in the City of Soledad to El Camino Real in the City of Greenfield in the County of Monterey as the “United States Army Sgt. Javier Sanchez Memorial Highway.”
- 6) Designates the portion of State Highway 218 from 425 Canyon Del Rey Boulevard in the City of Del Rey Oaks to 1600 Canyon Del Rey Boulevard in the City of Seaside in the County of Monterey as the “United States Army Private First Class Coronado D. Javier Memorial Highway.”
- 7) Requests the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing each of these special designations, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources sufficient to cover the cost of the signs for which the donations were made, to erect those signs.

EXISTING LAW: Assigns Caltrans 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: The author seeks to honor five distinguished United States Service members who died serving their nation in Afghanistan. These fallen service members will be honored by naming portions of state highways in Monterey County after them. Specifically:

United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Edward Balli was from Salinas and graduated from North Salinas High School. He was 42 years old when he was killed in action in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, on January 20, 2014. He received two Bronze Stars for his service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

United States Army Ranger Specialist Ricardo Cerros, Jr., was also from Salinas and graduated from Everett Alvarez High School. Cerros was 24 years old when he was killed in action in Logar Province, Afghanistan, on October 8, 2011. He received the Purple Heart.

United States Army Specialist Vilmar Galarza Hernández was from Salinas and graduated from Everett Alvarez High School. Hernandez was 21 years old when he was killed in action in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, on May 26, 2012. He received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

United States Army Sgt. Javier Sanchez was from Greenfield and graduated from Ventana Continuation High School. He was 28 years old when he was killed in action in Sar Rowzah, Afghanistan, on June 23, 2013. Sanchez received the Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medals.

United States Army Private First Class Coronado D. Javier was from Marina and graduated from Seaside High School. He was 19 years old when he was killed in action in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, on December 19, 2010.

This resolution designating portions of state highways in Monterey County in honor of these service members and memorializes the significance of their commitment and sacrifices for the nation.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

County of Monterey

Opposition

None on file

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