

Date of Hearing: April 18, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 159 (Salas) – As Introduced March 29, 2016

SUBJECT: CHP Officer Keith M. Giles Memorial Interchange

SUMMARY: Designates the interchange at State Route (SR) 43 and SR 198 in the County of Kings as the “CHP Officer Keith M. Giles Memorial Interchange.” Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and career of California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Keith M. Giles, who lost his life in the line of duty.
- 2) Designates the interchange at SR 43 and SR 198 in the County of Kings as the “CHP Officer Keith M. Giles Memorial Interchange.”
- 3) Requests that the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the costs of erecting appropriate signs, including the star of the CHP, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the special designation, and upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost, 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 measure requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: The author seeks to honor CHP Officer Keith M. Giles, who was born in Tulare and graduated from Corcoran High-School in Kings County. Officer Giles served in the United States Army in the early 1960’s and achieved the rank of corporal. Prior to joining the CHP, Officer Giles was a farmer and was actively involved in the community. Officer Giles joined the CHP in 1970 and was assigned to the Santa Fe Springs area, where he served for four years. Officer Giles was killed in the line of duty on August 25, 1974, while making a traffic stop shortly after 2:00 a.m. He was standing on the left side of the stopped vehicle when a passing car struck him, killing him almost instantly. Officer Giles was known for his devotion to his family, his love of law enforcement. Officer Giles left behind three siblings, including his twin brother. This resolution in his honor acknowledges him as a hardworking, dedicated officer who loved his job.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Association of Highway Patrolmen (Sponsor)

Opposition

None on file

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