

Date of Hearing: April 15, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

ACR 158 (Chen) – As Introduced March 7, 2024

SUBJECT: Detective Terry Lee Fincher Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a specified portion of State Route 91 in the County of Orange as the Detective Terry Fincher Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources to cover that cost, to erect those signs.

EXISTING LAW: Assigns the Department of Transportation (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 determine the cost of appropriate signage consistent with requirements for the state highway system, and only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: Terry Lee Fincher was born on November 4, 1947 in the City of Chino, California. He bravely served his country as a chief mechanic of an F-4 squadron in the United States Air force during the Vietnam War. After his military service, Terry Fincher joined the Brea Police Department in 1980, where he had worked prior as a reserve officer. During his time at the Brea Police Department, Terry Fincher achieved many career accomplishments, including earning the rank of Senior Detective, receiving Associate of the Year and Officer of the Year awards, being a founding member of the Peer Counseling and Crisis Intervention Team, and being a member of the Hostage Negotiation Team and the Tactical Arrest and Containment Team.

Over the course of his career, Terry Fincher worked in many aspects of law enforcement, from motors to homicide, checks and fraud, burglary, crime scene investigations, and the Special Enforcement Detail. Colleagues often talked about how Terry Fincher went out of his way to comfort friends during hard times and often volunteered for assignments.

On the morning of May 22, 1996, Terry Fincher was tragically struck and killed by a train while searching for evidence in an assault case. Terry Fincher was only the second officer to die in the line of duty during the 81 year history of the Brea Police Department.

At the time of his passing, Terry Fincher was survived by wife, Brenda; daughter, Edie; son, Erik; step children, Melissa Scott and Nathan Scott; and two grandsons, Benjamin and Brandon. Terry Fincher is missed by all those who loved and knew him.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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