

Date of Hearing: June 17, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Lori D. Wilson, Chair
SCR 115 (Archuleta) – As Introduced February 20, 2024

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Richard Arruda Memorial Interchange

SUMMARY: Designates the interchange on State Route 60 at the 7th Avenue Undercrossing in the City of Hacienda Heights in the County of Los Angeles as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Richard Arruda Memorial Interchange. The measure also requests the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, 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 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: Of all the promises America offers, none is more elusive or precious than the right to be free from crime and violence. Californians are indebted every day to our peace officers, and we pay special tribute to their bravery and dedication and share in their pain when one of their members is killed in the line of duty.

The men and women of law enforcement have the unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety and it is as difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the death, at 35 years of age, of Deputy Michael Richard Arruda of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who was tragically shot on June 9, 2004, in the City of Hacienda Heights and ultimately succumbed to his injuries on June 15, 2004.

Deputy Arruda faithfully served the residents of the County of Los Angeles as a deputy sheriff. Deputy Arruda stated that one of the reasons he became a law enforcement officer was to be a role model and to make a positive difference in other people's lives, and as a deputy sheriff, he was praised by his peers, supervisors, and members of the community for his tireless efforts to protect people, prevent incidents, and serve as a leader.

It is appropriate to recognize the hazardous work, serious responsibility, and strong commitment that Deputy Arruda willingly accepted during his 13 years as a law enforcement officer.

Deputy Arruda is remembered as a dedicated and devoted partner to his fiancée, Sergeant Lidia Silva; a loving son to his parents, Ricardo Edward Arruda and Joyce Ann Arruda; a caring father to his son, Michael Edward Arruda, and daughter, Savannah Violet Arruda; and a thoughtful sibling to his sister, Lisa Marie Dumont; and a man who committed his life, beliefs, and career to the County of Los Angeles and the safety of its residents.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Opposition

None on file

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