

Date of Hearing: April 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

ACR 21 (Flora) – As Introduced January 24, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Galt Police Officer Harminder Grewal Memorial Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates an unspecified section of State Highway 99 as the Galt Police Officer Harminder Grewal Memorial Highway. The measure requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the 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 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:** Harminder Grewal was sworn in as a Police Officer with the City of Galt Police Department on February 25, 2019 and had an immediate impact during his short career with the Galt Police Department. His desire to do the best he could be each day resulted in awards in his first full year as a police officer.

Officer Grewal was awarded Officer of the Year, a selection by his peers for his work ethic and integrity, which inspired others to perform at their highest levels. He was also awarded the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) award for 2020 based on the number of DUI arrests he made that year. Officer Grewal served the Galt Police Officers Association as Treasurer, and he was near completion of his bachelor's degree.

On Sunday, August 22, 2021, after two and a half years of exemplary service to the City of Galt, Officer Grewal was traveling northbound on State Highway 99 on his way to assist with the Caldor Fire in El Dorado County.

Just north of Dillard Road in Sacramento County, a pickup truck traveling southbound on State Highway 99 hit the center median, broke through a barrier, and entered the northbound lanes, striking the patrol vehicle head-on and causing grievous injuries to Officer Grewal. He ultimately succumbed to those injuries on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

Officer Grewal, who is survived by his parents, brother, and countless other family, friends, and loved ones, will be remembered for his hard work and dedication to professionalism in law enforcement and profoundly missed by all.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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