

Date of Hearing: June 29, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

SCR 108 (Archuleta) – As Amended April 8, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Deputy David Piquette Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a specified portion of State Route 91 in the County of Orange as the Deputy David Piquette Memorial Highway and 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, including 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: Deputy David Stan Piquette was a dedicated public servant who spent ten years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department after honorably serving his country in the United States Marine Corps. Deputy Piquette was a respected instructor, a decorated officer, and a devoted family man who lost his life in the line of duty while traveling to the Sheriff's Academy in 2006.

Born on January 1, 1972, to William and Lan Thi Piquette, David was raised in Irvine, California, alongside his siblings, Richard and Lisa. A graduate of Irvine High School, he was a dedicated athlete in football and wrestling, and it was there he met his high school sweetheart and future wife, Shawna.

Following high school, David joined the United States Marine Corps, serving in a Security Forces Detail. During his military tenure, he was deployed on the USS Roosevelt as part of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embodying the discipline and commitment that would define his later career in law enforcement.

After his military service, Deputy Piquette began a distinguished ten-year career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). His professional journey reflected a deep commitment to various facets of public safety. He initially served as a Custody Deputy at the Inmate Reception Center before moving to Century Station, where he worked as a Patrol Field Training Officer, guiding and mentoring new deputies.

Recognizing his elite discipline and expertise, the department appointed him as a Defensive Tactics Instructor for the LASD Training Bureau. His work ethic and "commendable restraint" earned him numerous Public Commendations and Unit Commander Commendations. He was widely respected by his peers for his dedication, often staying late to assist with training or volunteering his time for departmental needs.

An avid runner, Deputy Piquette was a regular competitor in the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, representing the department nearly every year of his employment.

Beyond his professional accolades, David was a devoted husband to Shawna and a father to their twin children, Justin and Jordan. He was known for balancing his rigorous work schedule with a deep devotion to his family, earning a reputation as a hero in every role he inhabited: soldier, deputy, husband, father, and friend.

On the morning of Friday, July 7, 2006, 34-year-old Deputy Piquette was traveling to the Sheriff's Academy in an unmarked vehicle on State Route 91. The journey took a tragic turn when a stove fell from another vehicle into the lanes of travel.

As multiple vehicles took evasive action to avoid the obstacle, a tractor-trailer overturned and landed on top of Deputy Piquette's vehicle, causing fatal injuries. His passing was a profound loss to the LASD and the community he had served for a decade.

Designating a portion of State Route 91 as the Deputy David Stan Piquette Memorial Highway serves as a lasting tribute to a man who dedicated his life to the protection of his community and country. His legacy of discipline, integrity, and sacrifice remains an inspiration.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**Support**

Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Opposition

None on file

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