

Date of Hearing: August 10, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

ACR 228 (Wilson) – As Introduced June 23, 2026

SUBJECT: The Parole Agent Joshua L. Byrd Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates an unspecified portion of State Highway Route 80 in the County of Solano as the Parole Agent Joshua L. Byrd Memorial Highway and requests that the California Department of Transportation 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: Joshua Lemont Byrd was born on August 26, 1984, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to parents Zina Clark Byrd and Leamos Byrd. Raised in Louisiana, he attended Oakland Baptist Church in Kenner and played football at Baker High School. Following high school, Mr. Byrd served in the United States Navy for more than nine years, earning several awards prior to receiving an honorable discharge in 2011.

In June 2014, Mr. Byrd began his career with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) as a cadet at the Basic Correctional Officer Academy in Galt. He advanced through the ranks, serving as a correctional officer before promoting to correctional sergeant in 2020. In October 2024, he transitioned to the Division of Adult Parole Operations as a parole agent assigned to the Oakland Parole Unit.

On July 17, 2025, Agent Byrd was shot and killed while on duty inside the Oakland Parole Office, marking the first time a parole agent has been killed in the line of duty since the enactment of California's parole law in 1893.

Mr. Byrd was deeply devoted to his family and career. He is survived by his wife, Jessica, and his three daughters, Claire, Jaylynn, and Nevaeha. This highway dedication serves as a lasting tribute to his commitment to public safety, his heroism, and his ultimate sacrifice, ensuring he is remembered by all who travel the designated route.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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