

Date of Hearing: March 14, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 134 (Wilk) – As Introduced February 8, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Simi Valley Police Officer Michael Clark Memorial Overcrossing

**SUMMARY:** Designates the First Street Overcrossing of State Highway Route 118 in the City of Simi Valley as the “Simi Valley Police Officer Michael Clark Memorial Overcrossing.”

Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Michael Clark, patrol officer with the Simi Valley Police Department.
- 2) Designates the First Street Overcrossing of State Highway Route 118 in the City of Simi Valley as the “Simi Valley Police Officer Michael Clark Memorial Overcrossing.”
- 3) Requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the specific designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that 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 only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

**COMMENTS:** The author seeks to honor the only Simi Valley officer to die in the line of duty, Officer Michael Clark. Officer Clark served in the United State Marine Corps as a Navy diver in the mid-1980’s stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. He joined the Los Angeles Police Department in May 1989 and was assigned to the Devonshire Division, where he served as a patrol officer. Officer Clark later joined the Simi Valley Police Department in March 1995, where also served as a patrol officer. On August 4, 1995, Officer Clark was killed in the line of duty while handling a “check the welfare” call at the request of the Ventura County Mental Health Department at a residence in Simi Valley. He was shot by the person he was attempting to assist. Officer Clark was noted as a thorough investigator and well-liked by his fellow officers and supervisors. He is survived by his wife and son. This resolution designating the First Street Overcrossing is appropriate to memorialize the service and sacrifice of Officer Clark.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

City of Simi Valley (Sponsor)

**Opposition**

None of file

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