

Date of Hearing: May 4, 2020

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 147 (Lackey) – As Introduced January 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Jeffrey “Jef” Dye Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of Interstate 5 (I-5) in the County of Los Angeles as the “Jeffrey “Jef” Dye Memorial Highway.” Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Recounts the life of Jef Dye.
- 2) Designates the portion of I-5 between post mile R68.818 and post mile R73.553 in the County of Los Angeles as the “Jeffrey “Jef” Dye Memorial Highway.”
- 3) Requests that the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special 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 resolution requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: Jeffrey “Jef” Dye was born in San Fernando, California in 1968. Mr. Dye attended Fillmore High School and earned college degrees in criminology and computer science. Mr. Dye worked as an Investigative Assistant with the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office. His later career focused on Digital Forensics and Cyber Crime at General Dynamics, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Bank of America.

Mr. Dye joined the Ventura County Sheriff’s Office Fillmore Mountain Search and Rescue Team, where he underwent extensive training in technical rescue operations and responded to many emergency search and rescue incidents for injured, lost, or distressed individuals in the California’s national forests. While traveling to a training exercise on February 2, 2019, Mr. Dye and his teammates observed a serious vehicle accident and initiated an emergency response to provide medical assistance. Mr. Dye was fatally injured when a second vehicle crashed into the scene. Mr. Dye is survived by his wife Sandra, mother Linda, and sisters Lori Bushnell and Luanne Brock.

According to the author, “this dedication reclaims the memory of a man’s life to be defined by his assistance to others. This underscores that his life should be celebrated rather than continuously mourned. It refocuses attention from tragedy to the trajectory of his mission to provide the community with a heightened sense of security.”

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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