

Date of Hearing: March 11, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

, Chair

ACR 17 (Irwin) – As Introduced January 28, 2019

SUBJECT: Sergeant Ronald “Ron” Lee Helus Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of State Highway Route 101 (SR 101) in the County of Ventura as the “Sergeant Ronald “Ron” Lee Helus Memorial Highway.” Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Sergeant Ronald “Ron” Lee Helus of the Ventura County Sheriff’s Department.
- 2) Designates the 3.424-mile portion of SR 101 between Hampshire Road at post mile 1.622 and Lynn Road at post mile 5.046 in the County of Ventura as the “Sergeant Ronald “Ron” Lee Helus Memorial Highway.”
- 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 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. This includes 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: Sergeant Ronald “Ron” Lee Helus of the Ventura County Sheriff’s Department was born and raised in Canoga Park. Ron began his career with the County of Ventura in 1989 and in the following decades served his community as an officer of the law in various capacities. Approximately one year away from retiring from the Ventura County Sheriff’s Department, on November 7, 2018, Sergeant Helus was tragically shot responding to an active shooter at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks and passed away the following day. Sergeant Helus is survived by his wife Karen Archie and his son Jordan. This resolution designating a portion of SR 101 in the County of Ventura in his honor recognizes the ultimate sacrifice Sergeant Helus made to his community.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on File

Opposition

None on File

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