

Date of Hearing: June 27, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 178 (Gipson) – As Introduced May 3, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Kevin Burrell and James MacDonald Memorial Highway and the Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates a portion of State Route (SR) 91 in Los Angeles County, California as the "Kevin Burrell and Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway" and the "Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway." Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of City of Compton police officers Kevin Michael Burrell, James Wayne MacDonald, and Dess K. Phipps.
- 2) Designates portions of SR 91 in Los Angeles County, California as the "Kevin Burrell and Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway" and the "Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway."
- 3) Requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for a state highway system, showing special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

**EXISTING LAW:** Assigns the California Department of Transportation (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:** Police officers for the City of Compton Kevin Michael Burrell, James Wayne MacDonald, and Dess K. Phipps were killed in the line of duty. To memorialize their service and contribution to their community, ACR 178 seeks to name two separate segments of SR 91 in their honor.

*Suggested amendments:* The resolution fails to distinguish the exact locations designated for the memorial namings. Caltrans has suggested, and the author has agreed, that the portion of SR 91 from the junction of SR 91/SR 710 at approximately post mile 12.97 south to Alondra Boulevard at approximately post mile 13.95 in the County of Los Angeles be named the "Kevin Michael Burrell and James Wayne MacDonald Memorial Highway." Caltrans has also suggested, and the author has agreed, that the portion of SR 710 at Alondra Boulevard, approximate post mile 13.945, north to Rosecrans Avenue at approximate post mile 14.96 in the County of Los Angeles be named the "Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway."

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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