

Date of Hearing: April 9, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 179 (Flora) – As Amended March 19, 2018

SUBJECT: Stanislaus County Deputy Sheriff Robert “Bob” Paris, Jr., Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a specified portion of State Highway Route 88 between Comstock Road and East Harney Lane in the County of San Joaquin as the “Deputy Sheriff Robert ‘Bob’ Paris, Jr., Memorial Highway”. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and career of Stanislaus County Deputy Sherriff Robert “Bob” Paris, Jr., who lost his life in the line of duty.
- 2) Designates the portion of State Highway Route 88 between Comstock Road and East Harney Lane in the County of San Joaquin as the “Deputy Sheriff Robert ‘Bob’ Paris, Jr., Memorial Highway”.
- 3) Requests the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing each of these special designations, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources sufficient to cover the cost of the signs for which the donations were made, 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: The author seeks to honor Stanislaus County Deputy Sheriff Robert “Bob” Paris, Jr., who was born and raised in Tracy, California and graduated from Tracy High School in San Joaquin County. Deputy Sheriff Paris started his career as a paramedic for Tracy Ambulance which later became American Medical Response. In 1983, he was named “Paramedic of the Year.” Paris went on to train to be a police officer, graduating from the Ray Simon Regional Criminal Justice Training Center in 1993. He served as a reserve deputy for the Stanislaus County Sheriff’s Department for three years, and then accepted a full time position as a deputy sheriff. Paris served in patrol operations, court services, the Special Vehicle Off-road and Water Enforcement Unit, and served his last two years in the Civil Division. Deputy Sheriff Paris was killed in the line of duty on April 12, 2012, when he and his partner arrived at a Modesto home to carry out a scheduled eviction. Paris knocked on the door and announced himself, and after receiving no response he was shot and killed along with the locksmith who was drilling the lock. Deputy Sheriff Paris was known by people in the community for providing medical care, comfort, or befriending someone who had fallen on tough times. Paris’ coworkers recall his great sense of humor, skills as an outdoorsman, and caring nature as someone who was always there if a friend or family member needed something. Paris had two children, a son, Bobby, and a daughter, Jami, to whom he devoted much of his time, as she suffered from

recurrent brain tumors. This resolution in his honor acknowledges him as calm professional who took pride in his work and mentored the next generation of law enforcement.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Peace Officers Research Association of California

Opposition

None on file

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