

Date of Hearing: June 27, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 180 (Obernolte) – As Amended May 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Sergeant Brian Walker Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of State Route (SR) 247 in San Bernardino County as the “Sergeant Brian Walker Memorial Highway.” Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Sergeant Brian L. Walker.
- 2) Designates the portion of SR 247 in the County of San Bernardino, beginning at the intersection of SR 247 and Allen Way and continuing toward Johnson Valley for five miles, as the “Sergeant Brian Walker 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 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: Sergeant Brian Walker was born and raised in San Bernardino County and attended local schools including Lucerne Valley High School where he served as an officer in the Future Farmers of America program. Sergeant Walker later served as a military policeman in the United States Army. Sergeant Walker, six days after arriving for his second deployment in the Middle East, tragically lost his life in Afghanistan on May 13, 2012, when a vehicle under his command was hit with an improvised explosive device.

To memorialize Sergeant Walker’s service and his contribution to his community, ACR 180 seeks to name the portion of SR 247 in San Bernardino County (from the intersection of SR 247 and Allen Way and continuing five miles toward Johnson Valley) as the “Sergeant Brian Walker Memorial Highway.”

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

American Legion Post 879
County of San Bernardino Office of Veterans Affairs
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Lucerne Valley Root Diggers Genealogical Society
Lucerne Valley Veterans Monument Committee
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5551

Opposition

None on file

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