

Date of Hearing: June 13, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

ACR 187 (Grayson) – As Introduced April 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Medal of Honor Safety Roadside Rest Area

SUMMARY: designate the rest area on Interstate 80 in the City of Vallejo in the County of Solano as the Medal of Honor Safety Roadside Rest Area.

EXISTING LAW: Assigns the Department of Transportation (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 determine the cost of appropriate signage consistent with requirements for the state highway system, and only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: The “Medal of Honor Safety Roadside Rest Area” will honor: James Cooney, William Halford, Alexander Parker, Richard D. Dunphy, William S. Bond, Patrick J. Burke, George Carter, Anund C. Roark, Robert H. Young, John O. Dahlgren, Frank A. Young, Johan Johansson, Richard Willis, Henry Thompson, Reinhardt J. Keppler, William Johnson, and Thomas Lakin. These service members have served in peacetime and war, including World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Philippines, and other place.

According to the author, “The city of Vallejo is the home of the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard and has a large concentration of veterans who have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States. ACR 187 would honor the Medal of Honor recipients who were born, entered service, had their last home of record, settled, died or were buried in the city of Vallejo. This resolution would appropriately express our appreciation of and indebtedness to these heroes for their service to our country by naming a rest area as the Medal of Honor Safety Roadside Rest Area.”

Committee Comments: It is the intent of the Assembly Transportation Committee to use the Memorial Highway Naming process to honor deceased Californians who have made significant public service contributions and also to reflect the diversity of our state. Currently, most named highways in California are for fallen male public safety officers, who made the ultimate sacrifice, and for whom we are indebted. However, these names do not fully represent the wide range of types of public service contributions, as well as the gender and racial diversity of California’s communities. The Assembly Transportation Committee is committed to working with the Department of Transportation in the upcoming year to improve the naming process to ensure greater equity and to better represent the diversity of California.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

City of Vallejo

Opposition

None on file.

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