

Date of Hearing: June 13, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

ACR 194 (Cooper) – As Introduced May 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Police Officer Tyler “Ty” Lenehan Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates the portion of State Route 99 between Sheldon Road and Grant Line Road as the Police Officer Tyler “Ty” Lenehan Memorial Highway.

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: Tyler “Ty” Lenehan was born to Randy and Debby Lenehan in the City of Provo, Utah, on July 16, 1977. Lenehan graduated from Oak Ridge High School in El Dorado Hills.

After graduation, Lenehan became an aircraft structural maintenance journeyman in the United States Air Force. Lenehan later married the love of his life, Jessica Hartstock, and was the proud father of two children, Austin and Sydney.

Lenehan proudly worked with his father providing electrical services. Lenehan graduated from the police academy in 2012 through the Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center, American River College.

Lenehan became a reserve police officer with the Citrus Heights Police Department in 2012. Lenehan later worked at the Galt Police Department from 2014 to 2016 where he became a motor officer.

Lenehan then worked at the Elk Grove Police Department beginning in 2016, where he started working patrol and ultimately become a motor officer in 2020.

Outside of his professional life, Lenehan was involved with Gold Country Baptist Church in Shingle Springs, loved spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, camping, and barbequing.

Lenehan had a vibrant personality that brightened up every person he met in his professional and personal life.

Lenehan’s watch ended while on duty January 21, 2022, when he sustained fatal injuries as the result of being hit on State Highway 99 near 12th Avenue in Sacramento by a drunk driver who was driving in the wrong direction.

At the request of the City of Elk Grove, its officials, employees, and residents, a freeway dedication shall be made in memory of Police Officer Tyler “Ty” Lenehan.

According to the author, “Officer Tyler “Ty” Lenehan served his community with pride and a commitment to provide the highest level of service. His positive attitude, big smile and friendly personality will be forever missed but not forgotten. ACR 194 will honor Officer Lenehan by renaming the portion of State Highway 99 from Sheldon Road to Grant Line Road in his memory.”

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 Elk Grove

Opposition

None on file.

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