

Date of Hearing: June 13, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Laura Friedman, Chair
ACR 195 (Villapudua) – As Introduced May 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Officer Jimmy Arty Inn Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates the portion of State Route 4 from Interstate 5, at postmile R16.059, to State Route 99, at postmile R19.407, in the City of Stockton, as the Officer Jimmy Arty Inn 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: Jimmy Arty Inn was a City of Stockton resident who attended Ronald E. McNair High School and was a graduate of San Joaquin Delta College's Basic Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Academy.

Officer Jimmy Arty Inn, at 30 years of age, was hired by the Stockton Police Department (SPD) in December 2015 and was most recently assigned to the Field Operations Division, where he was also a member of the SPD Honor Guard.

Jimmy was an upstanding member of our community known for his willingness to help others, for loving and caring for his family, and for serving his community.

At approximately 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, Stockton Police Officer Jimmy Arty Inn responded to a disturbance call in the 4400 block of La Cresta Way after a caller reported hearing screaming, saw a woman with a ripped shirt who was bleeding and appeared to have been assaulted.

Shortly after arriving on scene, Officer Inn was in front of the residence when he was shot by the suspect.

A second Uniformed Stockton Police Officer arrived on scene and fired his duty weapon at the suspect, who then briefly entered his home and returned moments later holding a young child and began to strangle the child and refused to comply with the officer's commands.

A community member tackled the suspect and as the second officer approached, that officer discharged his duty weapon, striking the suspect.

Stockton Police Officer Jimmy Arty Inn was transported to a local hospital where he died from his injuries, and the suspect was also transported to an area hospital where he also died from his injuries.

Officer Jimmy Arty Inn leaves a legacy of compassion, fairness, and an ideal for those who knew him to continue to aspire to.

Officer Jimmy Arty Inn is survived by his wife, Tela, who is also a Stockton Police Officer, a 7-month-old son, a 12-year-old stepdaughter, and a 14-year-old stepson.

According to the author, “Jimmy Arty Inn was a six year veteran of the Stockton Policy Department. Jimmy was a son, a father, and an upstanding member of our community we can all be proud of. Jimmy was known for his willingness to help others. He was also known for loving and caring for his family, and serving his community. We who mourn him are grateful for his service and deeply sadden by his loss. He leaves a legacy of compassion, and fairness – and an ideal for those who knew him to continue to aspire to. This Memorial highway will ensure we continue to honor Jimmy Inn and serve as a reminder of the sacrifice that he and others have made to keep our communities safe.”

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

None of file.

Opposition

None on file.

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