

Date of Hearing: April 23, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 202 (Dahle) – As Introduced March 13, 2018

SUBJECT: Robert “Bob” Thompson Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of State Route (SR) 299 in Shasta County as the “Robert ‘Bob’ Thompson Memorial Highway”. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Robert Thompson.
- 2) Designates a portion of SR 299 in Shasta County between (Post Mile 83.03 and 84) as the “Robert ‘Bob’ Thompson 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 special 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. This includes 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: Robert “Bob” Thompson was a fourth-generation resident of Shasta County and the grandson of ranchers who came to Eastern Shasta County in the 1930s. His background in farming and ranching began as a toddler on the Hat Creek Hereford Ranch and, as a young person he became active in 4-H and the Future Farmers of America. After high school, Mr. Thompson attended California State University, Chico, where he met his wife of 49 years, Alice Hutchings, and had his only son, Perry in 1970.

While Mr. Thompson loved working with cattle, farming the land, and being involved in numerous agricultural organizations, he turned his focus to construction to “pay the bills”; with guidance and support from his father, Mr. Thompson and his brother-in-law Howard Lakey became founders and co-owners of Hat Creek Construction. Today Hat Creek Construction is a dominant force in the construction industry and an area leader in asphalt, concrete, and aggregate delivery and placement. Mr. Thompson was able to consult and advise until the time of his passing and witnessed his beloved company and team complete its largest season ever, while proudly providing jobs for 125 local employees.

Mr. Thompson passed away December 13, 2016, at age 67. He is survived by his wife Alice, son Perry, daughter-in-law April, and many other family members.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Fall River Joint Unified School District

Fall River Valley Library
Lassen Canyon Nursery, Inc.
Hat Creek Construction & Materials
Lassen County Chamber of Commerce
Shasta County Board of Supervisors
Sierra Pacific Industries
5 private citizens

Opposition

None on file

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