

Date of Hearing: April 23, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 205 (Waldron) – As Amended April 17, 2018

SUBJECT: CAL FIRE Firefighter Cory Iverson Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of State Route (SR) 15 in the County of San Diego as the “CAL FIRE Firefighter Cory Iverson Memorial Highway”. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and career of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Fire Apparatus Engineer Cory Iverson who lost his life in the line of duty.
- 2) Designates the portion of SR 15 between SR 78 (Post Mile R 31.5) and Via Rancho Parkway Overcrossing (Post Mile M 26.970)
- 3) Requests the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing each of these special designations, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources sufficient to cover the cost of the signs for which the donations were made, 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 resolution requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: The author seeks to honor CAL FIRE firefighter Cory Iverson who was born and raised in Escondido, California. After graduating from high school, he worked in various jobs before he followed in the footsteps of his uncle, Stephen Thomas, and made firefighting his career. Iverson was with CAL FIRE for eight years and received numerous career awards including 2010 CAL FIRE Firefighter of the Year. On December 14, 2017, Iverson was battling the Thomas fire in Ventura County. He was engaged in the placement of a hose lay supporting a dozer line. While attempting to suppress spot fires below the dozer line, Iverson became trapped by fire and suffered fatal injuries. According to the author, Fire Fighter Iverson exemplified the professionalism, work ethic, dedication, and self-sacrifice for which Cal FIRE firefighters are known. Further, he touched the lives of many and is sorely missed by all who knew him. Iverson is survived by his wife Ashley and two daughters, his mother, stepfather, brother and stepsister. This resolution is in his honor for his dedication to public service and his ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Professional Firefighters

Opposition

None on file

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