

Date of Hearing: June 11, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 220 (Mathis) – As Amended April 24, 2018

SUBJECT: Private First Class Keith M. Williams Memorial Overpass

SUMMARY: Designates the Akers Street Overpass on State Route 198 (SR 198) in Tulare County as the “Private First Class (Pfc) Keith M. Williams Memorial Overpass”. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Pfc. Keith M. Williams who served in the United States Army.
- 2) Designates the Akers Street Overpass at mile marker 6.765 on SR 198 in Tulare County as the “Pfc. Keith M. Williams Memorial Overpass”.
- 3) Requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of the 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 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: Pfc. Keith M. Williams sacrificed his life for our country while serving on tour in Afghanistan. He was critically wounded by an improvised explosive device, and succumbed to his injuries at Role 3 Multinational Hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He was 19 years old.

Pfc. Williams was just beginning his career in the U.S. Army. He graduated from El Diamante High School in 2013. He was an active student, participating in band, drum line, football and link court. He graduated from basic training at Fort Benning in December 2013 from the 19th Infantry Brigade, 2-54th Infantry Battalion and was deployed to Afghanistan in March 2014. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze service star, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Army Service Ribbon the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Medal. This resolution designates the Akers Street Overpass on SR 198 in Tulare County as the “Pfc. Keith M. Williams Memorial Overpass” in honor of his memory.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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