

Date of Hearing: June 11, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 224 (Gray) – As Introduced April 24, 2018

SUBJECT: Joe Cox Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of State Route 152 (SR 152) as the "Joe Cox Memorial Highway". Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Joe Cox.
- 2) Designates the portion of SR 152 that runs through the City of Los Banos from the entrance of the Los Banos Campus of Merced College to San Luis Street in Merced County as the "Joe Cox 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: Born in 1925 in Arkansas, Joe Cox moved with his family to California when he was six years old. Mr. Cox graduated from Parlier High School in 1944, and then enlisted in the Navy where he became a submariner on the USS Batfish. After the war, Mr. Cox completed his teaching degree from California Polytechnic State University, and went on to teach at Los Banos High School, where he eventually became principal. After retiring, Mr. Cox ran for and served 12 years on the Los Banos School Board. In retirement, Mr. Cox continued to serve his community in a number of distinguished roles. As the author contends, Mr. Cox' life was one of service to others, from the days on a submarine in World War II right up to his passing on January 22, 2018, as a result of a car crash on SR 152. The author states that, by memorializing his life, Mr. Cox will inspire the next generation to follow in his footsteps by putting their family, community, and country above themselves.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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