

Date of Hearing: March 20, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 31 (Lackey) – As Introduced March 8, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Sheriff's Sergeant Steven C. Owen Memorial Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates a specific portion of State Route (SR) 15 in the City of Palmdale in Los Angeles County as the "Sheriff's Sergeant Steven C. Owen Memorial Highway."

Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Sergeant Steven C. Owen.
- 2) Designates a portion of SR 14 in the City of Palmdale from E. Ave. R to E. Ave. S in Los Angeles County as the "Sheriff's Sergeant Steven C. Owen 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 with 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:** Sergeant Owen began his career in law enforcement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in 1987. In June of 1996 he began working in Lancaster and served residents of the area on the department's mounted enforcement detail as both a deputy and a sergeant. Sergeant Owen received numerous accolades during his career including commendations from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the United States Marine Corps, the California Attorney General, and the Massachusetts State Police. In 2014, Sergeant Owen was awarded the Medal of Valor, the department's highest honor. Sergeant Owen was killed in the line of duty in Lancaster on October 5, 2016, while responding to a residential burglary call. This resolution designating a specific portion of SR 15 in the City of Palmdale in honor of Sergeant Owen acknowledges his service to the Lancaster community.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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