

Date of Hearing: April 22, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 38 (Salas) – As Introduced February 21, 2019

SUBJECT: Kings County Deputy Sheriff Allen Thomas Sharra Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of State Route 41 in Kings County as the “Kings County Deputy Sheriff Allen Thomas Sharra Memorial Highway.” Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Recounts the life of Deputy Sheriff Allen Thomas Sharra.
- 2) Designates the portion of State Route 41 between Lansing Avenue and Lincoln Avenue as the “Kings County Deputy Sheriff Allen Thomas Sharra Memorial Highway.”
- 3) Requests that the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the costs of erecting 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 the costs, to erect the 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: Deputy Sheriff Allen Thomas Sharra was born on March 26, 1968 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to James and Anna Sharra. After graduating from high school Allen joined the United States Navy, where he served as an avionics mechanic from 1986 until 1995. After leaving the Navy he continued to serving as a sergeant in the National Guard. While attending Community College at West Hills College Lemoore from 1991 to 1994, he met Gina, his future wife, and was married on April 6, 1994. In 1993, Allen went on to become a reserve police officer for the City of Huron. He later attended the Tulare-Kings Counties Basic Peace Officer Academy at College of the Sequoias, where he graduated in 1998. He was hired by the Kings County Sheriff’s department in April of 1999. Eight months into his service he was killed in an automobile accident in the line of duty while responding to a call to assist another officer. Deputy Sherriff Allen Thomas Sharra is survived by his wife Gina, his daughter Melissa, his son Richard, his parents, James and Anna Sharra; his stepmom Robin, his stepson Carl Hatfield, and his stepsister Paula.

According to the author, “Deputy Sheriff Alan Thomas Sharra brought distinction to his country as a veteran of the United States Navy and as a sergeant in the National Guard. He served in law enforcement for nine years before he was killed in a line of duty accident while responding to assist one of his fellow deputies. I am proud to honor and recall his commitment to our country and community.”

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Peace Officers Research Association of California
Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association

Opposition

None on file

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