

Date of Hearing: March 11, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 4 (Frazier) – As Introduced December 3, 2018

SUBJECT: CHP Officer Kirk Griess Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of Interstate 505 (I-505) in Solano County as the "CHP Officer Kirk Griess Memorial Highway." Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Officer Griess, a member of the California Highway Patrol who lost his life on August 10, 2018, in the line of duty.
- 2) Designates the portion of I-505 from Interstate 80 to Vaca Valley Parkway in Solano County as the "CHP Officer Kirk Griess 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: Officer Griess was born and raised in Minnesota, and started his life of service at 18 years of age by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. In 1991, while stationed at Mare Island in Vallejo, California, Officer Griess met the love of his life, Keri. They married in 1992, and after completing his service in the United States Marine Corps, he and Keri started their family in Napa, California.

Officer Griess proudly served alongside his Marine Corps brothers for four years, including a deployment to Japan, and earned the rank of Corporal before his discharge in 1994. Following his military service, Officer Griess graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy and worked in the Oakland and Contra Costa offices, finally settling in the Solano office where he worked for 16 years. On August 10, 2018, while conducting a traffic stop on westbound Interstate 80 east of the Manuel Campos off-ramp, Officer Griess was struck and killed by a distracted and reckless driver.

As a husband, father, son, friend, coworker, coach, or mentor, Officer Griess exceeded every goal he set out to do, and his extraordinarily kind demeanor and infectious smile made him easy to approach and talk with. Officer Griess was survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Keri Griess, and by his daughters Kadi, Kaci, and his son Kole. The author introduced ACR 4 to honor the life of a respected and beloved Highway Patrol officer whose life was tragically cut short while performing his duty.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Solano County Sheriff's Office
California Association of Highway Patrolmen
Peace Officers Research Association of California

Opposition

None received.

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