

Date of Hearing: April 12, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

ACR 47 (Stone) – As Amended April 5, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Robert Scott Johnson Memorial Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates a portion of State Highway Route 1 between Exit 406 for Lightfighter Drive, postmile R82.759, and Exit 404 for Fremont Boulevard and Del Monte Boulevard, postmile R80.970, in the City of Seaside as the Robert Scott Johnson Memorial Highway.

**EXISTING LAW:** Assigns Caltrans the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways. This includes the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown, however the bill requests that Caltrans determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

**COMMENTS:** Robert Scott Johnson was born February 10, 1981 in Monterey, California, and was the oldest of two children. Robert was raised in the Monterey Peninsula community in the County of Monterey, California, and was a proud product of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District. Robert was athletic, well grounded, and usually quiet and reserved, enjoyed dancing and music, chose his friends carefully, deeply respected and loved his family members, and, after high school, had a desire to experience more of the world.

Robert volunteered to serve his country, joining the United States Army at 18 years of age, completed basic training and advanced individual training as a Chemical Operations Specialist, and received his certificate in Toxic Agent Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on December 10, 1999, quickly adapting and excelling in the military.

Specialist Robert Scott Johnson was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for his dedication to duty and outstanding performance from January 8, 2000, to April 15, 2002, which greatly reflected upon himself, the 172D Chemical Company, the 541st Maintenance Battalion, the 24th Infantry Division, and the United States Army. Specialist Robert Scott Johnson was awarded the Army Commendation Medal by the Secretary of the Army for meritorious service while assigned as a Decontamination Specialist from April 12, 2002, to April 11, 2003.

His willingness to excel, dedication to duty, and constant motivation were in keeping with the finest traditions of military service. Robert Scott Johnson demonstrated patriotism, valor, professional excellence, leadership potential, and dedication to the United States Army and was promoted from Specialist to the rank of Sergeant as a noncommissioned officer on February 1, 2003. Sergeant Robert Scott Johnson was selected for, attended, and, on March 12, 2003, graduated from the Eighth Army Wightman Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Korea.

Sergeant Robert Scott Johnson was awarded a Letter of Commendation on March 12, 2003, for his outstanding performance during the Army's physical fitness test by the Command Sergeant Major, Commandant Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Camp Jackson, Korea. Sergeant Robert Scott Johnson was awarded a Letter of Commendation on March 12, 2003, for achieving

“Academic Excellence” as a result of his desire to excel and his demonstrated ability in a garrison and field environment, earning the right to be placed on the Noncommissioned Officers Academy “Commandant’s List”.

Staff Sergeant Robert Scott Johnson was assigned for overseas deployment to Iraq in fall 2004, and shared with his family that he loved his country and was prepared, through training, to protect it and his family. Staff Sergeant Robert Scott Johnson was awarded the Purple Heart on December 22, 2004, by the President of the United States of America for wounds received in action on December 21, 2004.

Staff Sergeant Robert Scott Johnson was awarded the Bronze Star Medal by the President of the United States of America for meritorious service while assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. He gave the ultimate sacrifice during operations supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Staff Sergeant Robert Scott Johnson’s performance of his duties and selfless service are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Multi-National Corps Iraq, and the United States Army. Staff Sergeant Robert Scott Johnson, Company A, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Multi-National Corps, was posthumously awarded the Combat Action Badge on June 3, 2005, by the Chief of the Military Awards Branch for actively engaging, or being engaged by, the enemy. While Robert served our country, he thoughtfully kept in touch with family and friends and visited the beautiful Monterey Peninsula and Big Sur Coast, which he enjoyed exploring.

Robert’s family is very proud of him and continue to miss him and all that he held to be true. Robert always remembered the way home, and his family and friends will forever keep his dreams and passion in their hearts as they travel his favorite roadways.

*According to the author*, “Due to his deep commitment to the community, and giving the ultimate sacrifice for his country we would like to continue to be reminded of Staff Sergeant Robert Scott Johnson’s legacy of service.”

## **REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

### **Support**

None on file.

### **Opposition**

None on file.

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