

Date of Hearing: June 22, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 65 (Brough) – As Amended May 22, 2015

SUBJECT: James Mitchell “Mitch” Waller Memorial Highway.

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of State Route (SR) 405 in Orange County as the “James Mitchell ‘Mitch’ Waller Memorial Highway.” Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of James Mitchell "Mitch" Waller.
- 2) Designates SR 405 between post mile 1.525 and 6.459 in Orange County as the “James Mitchell ‘Mitch’ Waller Memorial Highway.”
- 3) Requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for a state highway system, showing 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 including the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the measure requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: James Mitchell "Mitch" Waller was born on September 12, 1959, in Dallas, Texas, to James Russell Waller Jr. and Elizabeth Ann Waller. In 1965, he and his family moved to Huntington Beach, California.

As a boy, he joined the Boy Scouts of America and participated in the organization through high school, earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Edison High School in 1977 and later attended the University of California at San Diego, graduating in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biochemistry and cellular biology.

After graduating from the University of San Diego, he attended the Criminal Justice Training Center at Golden West College and began his career in law enforcement with the City of Westminster Police Department in 1984. While performing his duties, he also attended Chapman University School of Law where he completed his Juris Doctor degree.

Mr. Waller met Sally Gouveia in 1987. They married in 1994 and made their home in Mission Viejo, California. The couple had two children, Chase and Kiana. Mr. Waller has been described as committed family man who supported his children in their many school and sports endeavors. Mr. Waller, an avid cyclist, died on June 28, 2013, after being involved in a cycling accident. This resolution, designating a portion of SR 405 serves to honor Mr. Waller's contribution to his community.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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