

Date of Hearing: April 22, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 66 (Aguiar-Curry) – As Introduced April 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Officer Natalie Corona Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of Interstate 5 (I-5) in Colusa County as the "Officer Natalie Corona Memorial Highway." Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Officer Corona, a member of the City of Davis Police Department who lost her life on January 10, 2019, in the line of duty.
- 2) Designates the portion of I-5 from Greenbay Road to Salt Creek Drive in Colusa County as the "Officer Natalie Corona 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 Corona was from Arbuckle, California, a long-time employee and volunteer at the Arbuckle Parks and Recreation Department, and was extremely well loved by the Arbuckle community. The eldest daughter of a retired Colusa County Sheriff's Deputy and an Arbuckle elementary school teacher, Officer Corona dreamed of following her father, who served for 26 years with the department and is now the Colusa County District 1 Supervisor, into a career in law enforcement.

After graduating in 2014 from Pierce High School, where she distinguished herself as a dedicated student-athlete and was selected as homecoming queen, Officer Corona earned an associate's degree in administration of justice from Yuba College and began working as a Community Service Officer for the Davis Police Department in 2016. Officer Corona graduated from the Sacramento training academy in July 2018, was sworn into the Davis Police Department on August 2, 2018, and completed her field training just before Christmas of 2018. At the age of 22, Officer Corona was shot and killed while performing her duties at a routine traffic stop on Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Exemplifying the true character of the brave individuals who devote their time and energy to the perilous duties of law enforcement, Officer Natalie Corona was renowned among her fellow officers for loving, honoring, and being dedicated to her family, the uniform, and the law enforcement community, all of which were indelible and inseparable in her life. Officer Corona is survived by her parents, Merced and Lupe; her sisters, Jackie, Cathy, and Cindy; and a host of devoted family members and friends.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Peace Officers' Research Association of California
Rural County Representatives of California

Opposition

None on file

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