

Date of Hearing: July 5, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

ACR 89 (Bigelow) – As Introduced May 28, 2021

SUBJECT: California Highway Patrol Officer Charles D. Goss Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates the portion of State Route 152, west of Road 10 from milepost marker 2.350 to 7.350, in the County of Madera as the “California Highway Patrol Officer Charles D. Goss Memorial Highway.

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

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the measure requests that Caltrans determine the cost of appropriate signage consistent with requirements for the state highway system, and only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: California Highway Patrol Officer Charles Donald Goss (hereafter Officer Goss) was born October 3, 1916, in Jamestown, California. Officer Goss graduated from Sonora Union High School in 1934, and attended the California State University, San Francisco.

Before joining the California Highway Patrol, Officer Goss was in the United States Navy Reserve, Boatswain Mate Second Class (WWII) and worked for the Bell Telephone Company. Officer Goss married the love of his life, Jeanne, and had three wonderful children: Margaret, Marilee, and Andrea.

Officer Goss, badge number 1307, graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy in 1952, and was assigned to the area of the County of Madera, where he proudly served for three years and five months. On November 25, 1955, Officer Goss responded to a traffic collision west of the City of Chowchilla and was transporting four men to the hospital when a vehicle attempted to pass a truck in the opposite direction and collided head-on with Officer Goss, killing him instantly.

Officer Goss was a hardworking, dedicated officer who loved his job and enjoyed the people he worked with. He was known for his quiet nature and ability to light up a room. He was musical, a gifted dancer, and meticulous and detail orientated in everything he did.

Officer Goss was known to many as a “foodie,” long before the name became popular. When he was younger, he would trade his sandwiches for ethnic food. When he was older, he would make “unusual, yet delicious” dishes for his friends.

In recognition of Officer Goss’s great contributions and sacrifice in serving the California Highway Patrol and the citizens of the State of California, it is fitting to designate a portion of State Route 152 in the County of Madera in his honor.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file.

Opposition

None on file.

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