

Date of Hearing: July 3, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

ACR 92 (Schiavo) – As Introduced June 5, 2023

SUBJECT: Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy Hagop “Jake” Kuredjian Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates the portion of Interstate 5 between the Pico-Lyons Overcrossing and the McBean Parkway Overcrossing in the City of Santa Clarita as the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy Hagop “Jake” Kuredjian Memorial Highway. The measure would also request that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the 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 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: Of all the promises America offers, none is more elusive or precious than the right to be free from crime and violence. Californians are indebted every day to our peace officers, and we pay special tribute to their bravery and dedication and share in their pain when one of their members is killed in the line of duty. The men and women of law enforcement have the unenviable task of guaranteeing the public’s safety and it is as difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the death, at 40 years of age, of Deputy Hagop “Jake” Kuredjian of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, who was tragically shot and killed on August 31, 2001, in the City of Santa Clarita.

Deputy Kuredjian faithfully served the residents of the County of Los Angeles as a deputy sheriff and had stated that the reason he became a law enforcement officer was to be a peacekeeper and community guardian. Deputy Kuredjian worked to serve those that needed his service, help those who needed help, and protect those that couldn’t protect themselves. As a deputy sheriff, he was praised by his peers, supervisors, and members of the community for his tireless efforts to protect people, prevent incidents, and serve as a leader.

It is appropriate to recognize the hazardous work, serious responsibility, and strong commitment that Deputy Kuredjian willingly accepted during his 17 years as a law enforcement officer. Deputy Kuredjian is remembered as a dedicated and devoted son to Anahid, and role model for his brothers Raffi and Garo, and a man who committed his life, beliefs, and career to the County of Los Angeles and the safety of its residents.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Opposition

None on file

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