

Date of Hearing: June 25, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

SCR 112 (Leyva) – As Amended May 8, 2018

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Cesar Chavez Memorial Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates a portion of Interstate 215 (I-215) in San Bernardino County as the "Cesar Chavez Memorial Highway". Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Cesar Chavez, an American labor leader and civil rights activist who died on April 23, 1993.
- 2) Designates the portion of I-215 from post mile 12.75 to the interchange of I-215 and I-15 in San Bernardino County as the "Cesar Chavez 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:** Cesar Estrada Chavez founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later merged with another workers union to form the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee of the United Farm Workers. Mr. Chavez was an American labor leader and civil rights activist who died on April 23, 1993. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Clinton. In 2000 California established March 31 as a state holiday in honor of Cesar Chavez. In 2012 President Obama established the Cesar E. Chavez National Monument in Keene within Kern County.

The author states that the purpose of this resolution is to honor the life and public service of Cesar Chavez by naming a portion of I-215 in San Bernardino County in his honor. This freeway segment leads to the local Cesar Chavez Middle School.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

Chicano Latino Caucus of San Bernardino County

**Opposition**

None on file

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