

Date of Hearing: 08-30-2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

SCR 117 (Nielsen) – As Amended August 1, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: CHP Officer Lucas F. Chellew Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates the portion of Interstate 80 from the Antelope Road overcrossing, number 24-0129, at postmile 16.685 in the County of Sacramento to the Douglas Boulevard overcrossing, number 19-0079, at postmile 1.975 in the County of Placer as the CHP Officer Lucas F. Chellew 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: According to the Senate Appropriations Committee, pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8, negligible state costs.

COMMENTS: Lucas F. Chellew was born on August 10, 1985, in Berkeley, California, to Charles and Marion Chellew. Lucas grew up in Grass Valley, California, where he enjoyed sports, 4-H, wakeboarding, hiking, and driving the family Jeep through the pasture by their home.

After graduating in 2003 from Bear River High School in Grass Valley, Lucas started his life of service at 18 years of age, enlisting in the United States Army, proudly serving his country for five years of active duty and three years in the Army Reserve, including deployments to the Netherlands, Afghanistan, and Germany, as Military Police, and earning the rank of Sergeant E-5 before his discharge.

On November 10, 2008, Lucas entered the California Highway Patrol Academy. Officer Chellew, badge number 19402, graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy on May 15, 2009, and then worked in the West Valley office and began his career as a motorcycle officer.

Officer Chellew transferred to the Capitol Protection Section in Sacramento and transitioned from a motorcycle officer to an equestrian officer partnered with his horse, Samson, and then settled in the South Sacramento office in July 2015, where he worked for two years, returning to motorcycle duty.

While assigned to Capitol Protection, Lucas met the love of his life, Christina, whom he married in 2016, which was three years to the day of their first coffee date. Lucas was a very loving, involved, and hands-on father from the moment each of his children entered his life; and

As a husband, father, son, brother, friend, and coworker, Officer Chellew attained every goal he set out to do; his extraordinarily kind demeanor and his infectious smile made him easy to

approach and talk with, and he had a heart for service and it showed in the returned love his community had for him.

Everything Officer Chellew did, he did for his family; he worked hard so they could enjoy life and make memories; he loved spending time with his family and enjoyed riding his motorcycle off duty.

On February 22, 2017, Officer Chellew was in pursuit of a stolen motorcycle on Fruitridge Road in Sacramento and was involved in a fatal collision. At the time of his death, Officer Chellew was survived by his wife, Christina, daughter, Hadley, son, Cameron, father, Charles, mother, Marion, and sister, Hanna.

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REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file.

Opposition

None on file.

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