

Date of Hearing: August 29, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

SCR 149 (Gaines) – As Amended June 21, 2016

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Firefighter Michael “Mikey” Hallenbeck Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of State Highway Route 50 (SR 50) in El Dorado County as the “Firefighter Michael “Mikey” Hallenbeck Memorial Highway.” Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Michael “Mikey” Hallenbeck, a firefighter in the United States Forest Service.
- 2) Designates the portion of SR 50 between post mile R 61.845 at Mount Ralston Road and post mile R 66.483 at Echo Summit in El Dorado County as the “Firefighter Michael “Mikey” Hallenbeck 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 measure requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: Michael “Mikey” Hallenbeck, a resident of Shingle Springs, served as a firefighter in Organized Crew 36 of the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit of the United States Forest Service. Prior to becoming a firefighter, Hallenbeck was a ski lift operator in the Lake Tahoe area. While fighting to control the Sierra Fire in August 2015, in his first year as a firefighter, Hallenbeck was struck by a falling tree and succumbed to his injuries at the age of 21. This resolution designating a portion of SR 50 in El Dorado County in his honor acknowledges the significant role Mikey Hallenbeck played in his community.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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