

Date of Hearing: July 5, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

SCR 16 (Roth) – As Amended March 14, 2023

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Deputy Isaiah A. Cordero Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a specified portion of State Highway Route 60 in the County of Riverside as the Deputy Isaiah A. Cordero Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering 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: Isaiah A. Cordero was born on May 13, 1990, to Rebecca and Gilbert Cordero and was of Mexican and Puerto Rican descent. Isaiah developed a love for motorcycles at an early age, just like his father and graduated from Cajon High School in the City of San Bernardino, where he played football for two years as a tight end.

Isaiah's goal after graduating high school was to become a Deputy Sheriff and to eventually become a Motorcycle Enforcement Deputy. On May 5, 2014, Isaiah fulfilled his first goal and began his career with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department as a Correctional Deputy.

Isaiah worked in two different correctional facilities before reclassifying to a Deputy Sheriff in 2017 and graduated from the 204th Basic Academy in February of 2018. He returned to working in a correctional facility as a Deputy Sheriff.

In 2020, Isaiah was transferred to the Jurupa Valley Sheriff's Station to begin field training. After successfully completing the field training program, he was assigned to patrol the cities and unincorporated communities served by the Jurupa Valley Sheriff's Station, including the incorporated cities of Jurupa Valley, Eastvale, and Norco.

In 2022, Isaiah was selected to undergo motorcycle training to become a Motorcycle Enforcement Deputy. After successfully completing a rigorous POST-certified motorcycle training course, he accomplished his second goal and began patrolling the streets as a Motorcycle Enforcement Deputy. Isaiah was specifically assigned to conduct traffic enforcement on his motorcycle in the City of Jurupa Valley.

On December 29, 2022, at 32 years of age, Isaiah was shot in the City of Jurupa Valley, when he pulled over an individual for a traffic violation. Isaiah was immediately transported to Riverside Community Hospital, but he succumbed to his injuries and passed away later that night.

Isaiah was loved by his coworkers and the communities he served throughout his career. He had a promising career ahead of him but his life was tragically cut short. Isaiah is survived by his loving parents and his over 300 extended family members.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California State Sheriffs' Association
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Riverside County District Attorney
Riverside County Sheriff's Office
Riverside Sheriffs' Association
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Opposition

None on file

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