

Date of Hearing: 07-05-2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

SCR 25 (Seyarto) – As Amended May 4, 2023

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Deputy Darnell Andrew Calhoun Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates the portion of State Highway Route 15 from Central Avenue to N. Main Street in the City of Lake Elsinore and the County of Riverside as the “Deputy Darnell Andrew Calhoun” Memorial Highway.

EXISTING LAW: Assigns the California Department of Transportation (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: Darnell Andrew Calhoun was born on June 24, 1992, to Lonnie Darnell and Renee Calhoun, in the City of Pomona. Darnell was the oldest brother of three children. He was homeschooled through high school and attended the California State University, San Marcos, where he received his bachelor’s degree in criminology and justice studies.

Darnell was joined in holy matrimony to his wife, Vanessa Nichele Quinn, on March 26, 2017. Darnell and Vanessa had two beautiful children and one on the way, before his passing. Russell Jay, Troy Ezekiel, and a baby boy to be named Malcolm.

Darnell worked in his early years at his family-owned restaurant in the City of Murietta before becoming a San Diego Police Officer in 2019. In February of 2022, Darnell continued his law enforcement career as a Deputy Sheriff with the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department. Darnell worked patrol out of the Lake Elsinore Station and was tragically murdered on duty upon arriving at a call for service on January 13, 2023.

Darnell was loved by his coworkers, by the communities throughout his law enforcement career, and by his beloved fellow church members at the Covenant Grace Church in the City of Menifee. Aside from his immediate family, Darnell is survived by his parents and extended family members.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California State Sheriffs' Association
City of Elk Grove
City of Lake Elsinore
City of Wildomar
Los Angeles County Sheriffs' Department
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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