

Date of Hearing:

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

SCR 39 (Allen) – As Amended July 5, 2021

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Officer Tommy Scott Memorial Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates the southbound portion of Interstate Highway Route 405 from Imperial Highway undercrossing No. 53-1241 (postmile R21.222) to West Century Boulevard undercrossing No. 53-1243 (postmile 22.216) in the County of Los Angeles as the Officer Tommy Scott 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:** 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:** In 2005, Officer Scott was the first to die in the line of duty in the Los Angeles Airport police department's 59 year history. Officer Scott died in the line of duty while attempting to perform a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle near Los Angeles International Airport. The suspect commandeered his vehicle at which point Officer Scott attempted to regain control of the vehicle and was dragged along side and eventually thrown into a fire hydrant, killing him instantly. It was later found that the suspect's intention was to drive the vehicle into an aircraft. Officer Scott's intervention and sacrifice may have ultimately saved the lives of many travelers.

Officer Scott worked as a lifeguard at a local community pool for 15 years before joining the police force where he saved 2 children from drowning. Officer Scott's community service and ultimate sacrifice are worthy of this recognition.

Officer Scott is survived by his father, now deceased, stepmother and older brother.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file.

**Opposition**

None on file.

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