

Date of Hearing: August 10, 2020

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

SCR 86 (Hurtado) – As Introduced February 18, 2020

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Officer Jonathan Diaz Memorial Overcrossing

**SUMMARY:** Designates an overcrossing on State Route (SR) 198 in the City of Lemoore as the “Officer Jonathan Diaz Memorial Overcrossing.” Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Recounts the life and accomplishments of Officer Jonathan Diaz, who served as a police officer for the City of Lemoore in Kings County.
- 2) Designates the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue overcrossing on SR 198 in the City of Lemoore in Kings County as the “Officer Jonathan Diaz Memorial Overcrossing.”
- 3) Requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of the 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, erect those signs.

**EXISTING LAW:** Assigns Caltrans the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways. This includes installation and maintenance of highway signs.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown, but the resolution requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

**COMMENTS:** Officer Jonathan Diaz died after he was fatally shot as he continued to serve his community while off duty during an intervention to stop an act of domestic violence. He was 31 years old.

Officer Jonathan Diaz was a lifelong resident of the Central Valley. He graduated from Coalinga High School and West Hills College, where he earned an associate’s degree in criminal justice. He began his law enforcement career in his hometown of Huron, California, where he was recognized as Officer of the Year in 2015. In 2016 he was hired by the Lemoore Police Department, where he continued to be honored by being selected as the Recruit Training Officer for the Tulare-Kings Counties Basic Peace Officer Academy and a Field Training Officer for the Lemoore Police Department. In 2018 he was honored again as the Officer of the Year, this time for the Lemoore Police Department. Months after receiving that award he earned the position of Gang Investigator for Kings County Major Crimes Task Force. Mr. Diaz was a family man. He was the oldest of four brothers and was a father figure to them. He has two sons, 13-year-old Jonathan Jr., 8-year-old Damian, and a 10-month-old daughter with his girlfriend Victoria Gonzalez. This resolution designates the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue overcrossing on SR 198 in the City of Lemoore in Kings County as the “Officer Jonathan Diaz Memorial Overcrossing” in Officer Diaz’s memory.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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