

Date of Hearing: March 25, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Jim Frazier, Chair  
ACR 37 (Eduardo Garcia) – As Introduced February 21, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Marine Corporal Erik H. Silva Memorial Bridge

**SUMMARY:** Designates the Alamo River Bridge on the Evan Hewes Highway (State Route 115) at the entry to the City of Holtville, California, as the “Marine Corporal Erik H. Silva Memorial Bridge.” Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the life of Marine Corporal Erik H. Silva.
- 2) Designates the Alamo River Bridge on the Evan Hewes Highway (State Route 115) at the entry to the City of Holtville, California, as the “Marine Corporal Erik H. Silva Memorial Bridge.”
- 3) Request that the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the costs of erecting 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 the costs, to erect the signs.

**EXISTING LAW:** Assigns Caltrans the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways including the 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:** The author seeks to honor Marine Corporal Erik H. Silva, who grew up in Holtville, California, an agricultural town located in California’s Imperial Valley. Corporal Silva led the Holtville Viking Band of Pride as the drum major at Holtville High School, and he loved playing baseball. He was the youngest of four children and was the third sibling in his family to join the United States Armed Forces. Silva was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division from Camp Pendleton, California. He was 22 years old when he was tragically killed in combat in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom when his unit was ambushed. He was roughly six months short of completing his first enlistment before being honorably discharged to pursue a career with the California Highway Patrol. Silva is missed by all in the community of Holtville. He is survived by parents, his two older brothers, and an older sister. According to the author, “ACR 37 serves as reminder of the sacrifices Corporal Erik. H. Silva made to defend our freedom. His accomplishments and contributions continue to be an inspiration to all of us.”

Writing in support, the American Legion Auxiliary Bradley Keffer Unit 138, states, “like many veterans, Corporal Silva served this country with honor and dedication in and out of the uniform. His memory continues to be an inspiration for his family, friends, and community at large.”

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

American Legion Auxiliary Bradley Keffer Unit 138

**Opposition**

None on file

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