

Date of Hearing: July 5, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

SCR 24 (Stern) – As Amended April 22, 2021

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Solano Memorial Overcrossing

**SUMMARY:** Designates the overcrossing on State Route 118 at Balboa Boulevard in the County of Los Angeles as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Solano Memorial Overcrossing.

**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:** The men and women of law enforcement have the unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety and it is as difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the death, at 50 years of age, of Deputy Joseph Gilbert Solano of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who was tragically shot on June 10, 2019, in the City of Alhambra and ultimately succumbed to his injuries on June 12, 2019.

Deputy Solano faithfully served the residents of the County of Los Angeles as a deputy sheriff. Deputy Solano stated that the reason he became a law enforcement officer was to be a role model and to make a positive difference in other people's lives, and as a deputy sheriff, he was praised by his peers, supervisors, and members of the community for his tireless efforts to protect people, prevent incidents, and serve as a leader.

It is appropriate to recognize the hazardous work, serious responsibility, and strong commitment that Deputy Solano willingly accepted during his 13 years as a law enforcement officer. Deputy Solano is remembered as a dedicated and devoted partner to his fiancée, Julianna; a loving son to his parents, Joe and Nardina; a caring father to his stepdaughter, Jessica, and son, Matthew; a thoughtful sibling to his sister, Christina; and a man who committed his life, beliefs, and career to the County of Los Angeles and the safety of its resident.

*According to the author,* "The men and women who serve the State of California as law enforcement officers are tasked with upholding public safety – often in difficult and dangerous situations. Therefore, it is important to publicly recognize the hazards of the profession and pay tribute to those who serve faithfully, but whose lives are tragically cut short. Deputy Sheriff Joseph Gilbert Solano served the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and citizens of Los Angeles County for 13 years before his life was cut short in an unprovoked shooting while having dinner in the city of Alhambra. Deputy Solano became a law enforcement officer to become a role model in his community and to hopefully make a positive difference in other people's lives. As a Deputy Sheriff, he was praised by his peers, superiors, and members of the

communities he served for his tireless efforts to protect people, deftly handle incidents that arose, and serve as a leader. Deputy Solano is remembered as a dedicated and devoted partner to his fiancée; a loving son to his parents; a caring father to his stepdaughter and son; a thoughtful sibling to his sister; and a man who committed his life, beliefs, and career to Los Angeles County and the safety of its residents.”

*In support*, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department writes, “In recognition of Deputy Solano’s contributions, commitment, and sacrifice during his 13 years as a law enforcement officer serving and protecting the residents of Los Angeles County, it is a fitting tribute to designate an overcrossing near his home in Los Angeles County.”

#### **REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

##### **Support**

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department  
Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)

##### **Opposition**

None on file.

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