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ACR-135 Ventura County Fire Engineer Ryan Osler Memorial Highway. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 135

CHAPTER 142

Relative to the Ventura County Fire Engineer Ryan Osler Memorial Highway.

[Filed with Secretary of State August 17, 2018.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 135, Limón. Ventura County Fire Engineer Ryan Osler Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of U.S. Highway 101 located in the County of Ventura as the Ventura County Fire Engineer Ryan Osler Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, Fire Engineer Ryan S. Osler of Santa Clarita, a member of the Ventura County Fire Department, lost his life on September 21, 2016, when the water tender he was riding in rolled over at a roundabout while he was coming into the City of Lompoc on State Highway 246; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Osler, who was 38 years of age, was responding to the Canyon Fire on Vandenberg Air Force Base when, for unknown reasons, the vehicle hit a curb at the roundabout on Purisima Road. The driver of the truck suffered minor injuries and was released from the hospital later that same day; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Osler was an 18-year veteran of the Ventura County Fire Department, who left a wife and two children. His father had served for 22 years in the same department; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Osler was a loving husband, father, son, and brother to his two sisters. As a young man, a fast-moving storm caught him and his two sisters off guard as they played in a cove off Lake Powell. The storm swept away their houseboat and as the sand swirled furiously, Ryan Osler grabbed a nearby beach bag and wrapped it around his two little sisters; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Osler always put others first and loved the various aspects of his job. He once helped deliver a baby and on another occasion told an elderly woman that she would be okay and that they were there to help; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Osler believed that a job wasn't worth doing unless you were doing it the right way and at 150 percent. He was always there to reassure those he served; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Osler loved his job, but his true love and his greatest joy were his two children, Amanda and Brandon. He loved driving all over southern California to watch Brandon play baseball and to watch Amanda sing in her recitals; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Osler was the first member of the Ventura County Fire Department to die in the line of duty in 25 years. His memory will be cherished by his wife, Jennifer, their two children, Amanda and Brandon, and the entire firefighting community of the Counties of Ventura and Santa Barbara; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of U.S. Highway 101 from South Seaward Avenue (PM 28.452) to Vista Del Mar Drive in the County of Ventura as the Ventura County Fire Engineer Ryan Osler Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.