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ACR-205 CAL FIRE Firefighter Cory Iverson Memorial Highway. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 205

CHAPTER 152

Relative to the CAL FIRE Firefighter Cory Iverson Memorial Highway.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 205, Waldron. CAL FIRE Firefighter Cory Iverson Memorial Highway.

This measure would recognize the contributions of CAL FIRE Fire Apparatus Engineer Cory Iverson to the people of California and would designate a specified portion of State Route 15 in the County of San Diego as the CAL FIRE Firefighter Cory Iverson Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Fire Apparatus Engineer Cory Iverson passed away in the line of duty on December 14, 2017, at 32 years of age, while battling the Thomas Fire in the County of Ventura; and

WHEREAS, Cory Iverson is survived by his mother, Denise; stepfather, Scott; father, Craig; brother, Luke; stepsister, Amanda; his loving wife Ashley and their two daughters Evie Rose and Taylor Francis; there was no greater priority than his daughters; and

WHEREAS, Cory Iverson was born in Escondido, on January 5, 1985, where he was also raised. After graduating from high school, Cory worked various jobs before discovering his passion for firefighting and making it his career; and

WHEREAS, Cory Iverson was an eight-year veteran of CAL FIRE following the footsteps of his uncle, Stephen Thomas, a retired CAL FIRE Fire Captain. Cory looked up to his uncle and respected him greatly, knowing firefighting was also the career for him; and

WHEREAS, Cory Iverson received many career awards, one being the 2010 CAL FIRE Firefighter of the Year; and

WHEREAS, In his private life, Cory Iverson enjoyed caring for his lawns, taking care of his home, and spending time with his family; and

WHEREAS, On December 14, 2017, Cory Iverson was engaged in the placement of a hose lay supporting a dozer line. While attempting to suppress spot fires below the dozer line, Cory became trapped by fire and suffered fatal injuries; and

WHEREAS, We pause to honor Cory Iverson for his dedication to public service and for his ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Cory Iverson exemplified the professionalism, work ethic, dedication, and self-sacrifice for which CAL FIRE firefighters are known. Cory touched the lives of many and is sorely missed by all who knew him. Cory will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the contributions of CAL FIRE Fire Apparatus Engineer Cory Iverson to the people of California and designates the portion of State Route 15 between State Route 78 (Post Mile R 31.5) and Via Rancho Parkway Overcrossing (Post Mile M 26.970) in the County of San Diego as the "CAL FIRE Firefighter Cory Iverson Memorial Highway"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover 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 Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.