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**ACR-144 Paul Vincent Rotondaro Memorial Highway.** (2021-2022)

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 144**

**CHAPTER 131**

Relative to the Paul Vincent Rotondaro Memorial Highway.

[ Filed with Secretary of State August 19, 2022. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 144, Gray. Paul Vincent Rotondaro Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Route 140 in the County of Merced as the Paul Vincent Rotondaro Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, Paul Vincent Rotondaro grew up in the City of Merced, and is an alumnus of Our Lady of Mercy School and Golden Valley High School; and

WHEREAS, During his time at Golden Valley High School, Paul was an active member in the Future Farmers of America, as well as an outstanding offensive lineman for the Golden Valley Cougars football team; and

WHEREAS, After graduation from high school, always seeking to expand his knowledge, Paul graduated from Merced College, where he received his Associate of Science degree in Fire Science and was actively working on his bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, Paul began his career of public service with CAL-FIRE as a Firefighter 1 at the Ahwahnee Fire Station in the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Paul excelled at CAL-FIRE, promoting to Firefighter II in the Merced Division of the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit in 2011 and to LT Fire Apparatus Engineer in 2012, transferring to the Riverside Unit as a permanent Fire Apparatus Engineer in 2015, and returning to Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit in 2016 to become a Fire Captain shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Paul performed many aspects of the job, including as an active participant on the Type 1 Hazardous Materials team in Merced, a member of the CAL-FIRE Incident Management Team 3 in the Finance Section, a member of the Merced County Type 2 Rescue team, overseeing radio technology issues for the entire Merced County Fire Department, and serving as part of the aircraft rescue and firefighting team at Castle Airport; and

WHEREAS, Outside of his career as a firefighter, Paul was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed camping, offroading, boating, and many more outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, Paul was killed on October 2, 2019, in a head-on collision while on duty with CAL-FIRE; and

WHEREAS, Paul will be missed by not just his family, friends, and colleagues, but by the entire community that he protected and served so dutifully; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the life and contributions of Paul Vincent Rotondaro and designates the portion of State Route 140 between postmile 6.5 and postmile 11 in the County of Merced as the Paul Vincent Rotondaro 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 Director of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.