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ACR-164 Lieutenant Colonel Seth “Jethro” Nehring Memorial Highway. (2021-2022)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 164

CHAPTER 136

Relative to the Lieutenant Colonel Seth “Jethro” Nehring Memorial Highway.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 164, Patterson. Lieutenant Colonel Seth “Jethro” Nehring Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 168 in the County of Fresno as the Lieutenant Colonel Seth “Jethro” Nehring Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Seth “Jethro” Nehring was born on April 27, 1974, in Fresno, California, to Julia Smith and Timothy Nehring; and

WHEREAS, Nehring was a graduate of Clovis High School and remained active in sports, enjoyed swimming and water polo, was a member of the Clovis Judo Club, and continued with various forms of martial arts throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Nehring was an avid outdoorsman, enjoyed studying history, and was an instructor with the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Nehring joined the California Air National Guard, serving with distinction as an enlisted Crew Chief; and

WHEREAS, Through his hard work and dedication, Nehring was selected for commissioning and went on to complete Undergraduate Pilot Training; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Nehring received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautics/Aviation Science and Technology from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and

WHEREAS, With over 20 years as a Fighter Pilot, Nehring achieved more than 2300 Flight Hours, flying both the F-16 Falcon and most recently the F-15 Eagle; and

WHEREAS, In his civilian capacity, Nehring was a valued family member and pilot with Southwest Airlines; and

WHEREAS, Nehring was killed in a training accident, on October 16, 2018, during Clear Sky 2018, a joint military exercise between the United States Air Force and the Country of Ukraine, in the Khmelnytskyi Region of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Nehring died doing what he loved, serving this great nation; and

WHEREAS, Nehring leaves behind his loving parents, Julia and Butch Smith; members from the 194th Fighter Squadron and the 144th Fighter Wing; the Southwest Airlines family; Tim and Joanne Nehring, younger sister Nissa Lind (Trevor); niece and nephew, Kelsey and Kellan; grandmother, Erlene Nehring; cousin, Sondra Beal (Raymond); their children Ryan, Elizabeth, Braydon, and Logan; and large circle of friends; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature honor Lieutenant Colonel Seth "Jethro" Nehring's service to his country by dedicating the portion of State Highway Route 168 between Lodge Road, postmile L27.368, and Qualls Prather Road, postmile L28.250, in the County of Fresno as the Lieutenant Colonel Seth "Jethro" Nehring Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signage 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.