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**ACR-173 Michael “Mike” Jason Katherman Memorial Highway.** (2021-2022)

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 173**

**CHAPTER 160**

Relative to the Michael “Mike” Jason Katherman Memorial Highway.

[ Filed with Secretary of State August 30, 2022. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 173, Low. Michael “Mike” Jason Katherman Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Route 85 in the County of Santa Clara as the Michael “Mike” Jason Katherman 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 that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, Michael “Mike” Jason Katherman of the San Jose Police Department was born in the City of San Jose, to parents Tom and Dianna Katherman on October 18, 1981, and is survived by his wife April, sons Joshua and Jason, parents Tom and Dianna, and brother Nate Katherman; and

WHEREAS, Mike was raised in the City of San Jose, California, where he attended Valley Christian High School, graduating in 2000; Mike continued his education and earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Simpson College in the City Of Redding; and

WHEREAS, After meeting his wife April in college in 2000, in 2004, Mike married the love of his life, April; April and Mike had two sons, Joshua and Jason; and

WHEREAS, Mike’s main focus and love was always his wife and his sons; they were his world and he always did all that he could to make them happy and feel loved; and

WHEREAS, Mike and April filled their life with love for one another, family, camping, fishing, dirt bike riding and mostly, their faith in Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, It was during college that Mike felt the calling to follow through on his dream of becoming a police officer; and

WHEREAS, Mike got a job as a loss-prevention officer while he applied to the San Jose Police Department, where in July 2005, he was sworn into the force where he eventually became a motorcycle officer as part of the department’s traffic enforcement unit; and

WHEREAS, Mike was a director on the Police Chaplaincy Board and the Vice President of the Keith Kelley Club, an internal organization that provides support for officers and their families who endure hard times; and

WHEREAS, Mike did not hesitate when putting himself in harm's way during his career as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, As a patrol officer, Mike stood out, earning the department's Outstanding Police Duty Award in 2009; and

WHEREAS, On June 14, 2016, Mike was on patrol in the City of San Jose when he was struck by another vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Witnesses attempted to assist Mike, but he succumbed to his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Mike honorably served the San Jose Police Department and the people of the City of San Jose for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, Mike was an extremely devoted man of God, husband, father, and friend who always desired to help his brothers and sisters of the San Jose Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Michael J. Katherman will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure and honor of knowing him; 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 State Route 85 from post mile 5.222 to post mile 6.136 in the County of Santa Clara as the Michael "Mike" Jason Katherman Memorial Highway to honor and commemorate Mike's service to his community and his family; 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 that 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.