



SCR-14 Fire Captain Ramon Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Jones Memorial Highway. (2021-2022)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14

CHAPTER 82

Relative to the Fire Captain Ramon Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Jones Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 14, Hurtado. Fire Captain Ramon Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Jones Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Route 65 in the County of Tulare as the Fire Captain Ramon Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Jones 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, Ramon "Ray" Figueroa, Captain for the Porterville City Fire Department, was born January 3, 1985, and received his last alarm on February 18, 2020, at the young age of 35; and

WHEREAS, Ray Figueroa was born and raised in Delano, where he graduated from Delano High School in 2003, and later attended Porterville College, at which he completed the Fire Academy and graduated in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Ray Figueroa began his firefighting career by volunteering with the Lindsay Fire Department in 2005 until he was hired by the Porterville City Fire Department as a Firefighter in 2007; and

WHEREAS, After many years of hard work and training, Firefighter Ray Figueroa was promoted to the rank of Fire Engineer in 2016, and was promoted to Fire Captain from Lieutenant and assigned to Station 71 in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Fire Captain Ray Figueroa was part of the arson investigation unit and was committed to providing prompt, quality service to the Porterville Community; and

WHEREAS, Fire Captain Ray Figueroa was known for the love of his job and mentoring his crew, and it was common to hear him say, "My men, the mission, then me"; and

WHEREAS, Ray was a devoted and loving father to his two children, and he enjoyed many outdoor adventures, offering his handyman skills to others, spending time with his family, and creating many lifelong friendships; and

WHEREAS, Ray Figueroa was a lifelong learner and strived to leave a legacy of hard work and determination; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Jones, Firefighter for the Porterville City Fire Department, was born on March 16, 1994, and received his last alarm on February 18, 2020, at the young age of 25; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Jones was raised in Visalia, California, where he attended Grace Christian Elementary and La Joya Middle School, before graduating from El Diamante High School; and

WHEREAS, Patrick later attended Porterville College, at which he completed the Fire Academy and worked closer to his dream of becoming a full-time firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Jones began his firefighting career in 2014 as a Reserve Firefighter for the City of Porterville, and was hired as a full-time firefighter in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Patrick was relentless when it came to firefighting, and he attended numerous trainings and received several certifications following his acceptance of a position with the Porterville City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Patrick Jones wanted to be the best he possibly could be to support his brothers—he never wanted to let them down; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a dedicated firefighter, Patrick Jones was a loving son, a protective little brother, a doting fiancé, and a loyal friend; and

WHEREAS, Patrick was known for his infectious positive attitude, work ethic, and dedication to serving the community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of California State Highway Route 65 in the County of Tulare, between postmile 16.130 and postmile 20.880, as the Fire Captain Ramon Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Jones 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 of the signs for which the donations were made, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.