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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Senator Jim Beall, Chair

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<b>Bill No:</b>	ACR 107	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	8/4/2020
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<b>Urgency:</b>	No	<b>Fiscal:</b>	Yes
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**SUBJECT:** CHP Sergeant Steven L. Licon Memorial Highway

**DIGEST:** This resolution designates the portion of Interstate 15 as the California Highway Patrol Sergeant Steven L. Licon Memorial Highway.

### ANALYSIS:

The committee has adopted a policy regarding the naming of state highways or structures. Under the policy, the committee will consider only those resolutions that meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) The person being honored must have provided extraordinary public service or some exemplary contribution to the public good and have a connection to the community where the highway or structure is located.
- 2) The person being honored must be deceased.
- 3) The naming must be done without cost to the state. Costs for signs and plaques must be paid by local or private sources.
- 4) The author or co-author of the resolution must represent the district in which the facility is located, and the resolution must identify the specific highway segment or structure being named.
- 5) The segment of highway being named must not exceed five miles in length.
- 6) The proposed designation must reflect a community consensus and be without local opposition.
- 7) The proposed designation may not supersede an existing designation unless the sponsor can document that a good faith effort has uncovered no opposition to rescinding the prior designation.

This resolution designates the portion of Interstate 15 from the junction at State Route 74 (postmile 22.277) to the crossing at Lake Street UC #56-682 (postmile 26.688) near the City of Lake Elsinore in the County of Riverside as the CHP Sergeant Steven L. Licon Memorial Highway. It requests that the Department of Transportation to erect appropriate signs upon receiving sufficient donations from non-state sources to cover the costs.

**COMMENTS:**

- 1) *Purpose.* According to the author, “The memory of Sgt. Licon will never be forgotten and his commitment to his family and the safety of our communities should be forever memorialized on this stretch of the 15 freeway. ACR 107 would designate a portion of Interstate 15, from the junction of State Route 74 to the Lake Street crossing near the City of Lake Elsinore, as the CHP Sergeant Steven Lawrence Licon Memorial Highway to honor and commemorate his service to the community. This highway memorial should be a constant reminder that driving under the influence can take the lives of people we care about most. Sgt. Licon’s 27-year career as a highway patrol officer was proof that he put the safety of our families before his own and we should never forget the sacrifices our law enforcement officers make to keep us safe. It is fitting that we honor his service to the residents of Riverside County by memorializing this stretch of highway to his memory.”
- 2) *Background.* Steven Lawrence Licon was born July 5, 1965, in Palm Springs, California. He entered the California Highway Patrol Academy in 1990 and was assigned to the Santa Ana CHP Office in 1991. Steven was a skilled motorcyclist, a drug recognition expert, departmental range instructor, and a firearms inspector. After 12 years on road patrol duties, Steve was promoted to Sergeant and reported to the CHP Baldwin Park Area and, later, served the CHP Riverside Area. Steve’s career ended on April 6, 2019, when he was struck and killed by a passing motorist as he was writing a traffic ticket on Interstate 15 near the City of Lake Elsinore. Steven is survived by his wife, Ann; his children, Marissa, Kelly, and Stephen; and his parents. He is preceded by his son, Nathan, who passed away in 2012. Steve is remembered as an extremely devoted family member who loved them above all else.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation:      Fiscal Com.: Yes      Local:

**POSITIONS:** (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday July 27.)

**SUPPORT:**

California Association of Highway Patrolmen (sponsor)

**OPPOSITION:**

None received.

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