

Date of Hearing:

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 128 (Gray) – As Introduced August 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Corporal Ronil Singh Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a portion of State Route (SR) 33 as the “Corporal Ronil Singh Memorial Highway.” Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Recounts the life of Corporal Ronil Singh.
- 2) Designates the portion of SR 33 that runs through the city of Newman as the “Corporal Ronil Singh Memorial Highway.”
- 3) Requests that the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the special designation, and upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the costs, to erect the signs.

EXISTING LAW: Assigns Caltrans the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways including the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the resolution requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: Ronil Singh was born in 1985 in the island nation of Fiji. He immigrated to the United States and settled in Stanislaus County, where he studied criminal justice at Modesto Junior College. He began a career in law enforcement as a cadet with the Turlock Police Department, and served as a reserve officer with the Merced Sheriff's Department. In 2011, Corporal Singh joined the Newman Police Department, a tight-knit law enforcement agency of 13 sworn officers. He served with his K-9 partner, Sam, who was with him on the early morning of December 26, 2017 dressed as Mrs. Claus when he was killed in the line of duty after being shot during a routine traffic stop. He is survived by his wife Anamika and his infant son, who was three months old at the time of his death. His partner, Sam, has been retired to take care of the family.

According to the author, “Corporal Singh was a well-respected, seven-year veteran of the Newman Police Department and a trained K-9 officer, who was frequently accompanied by his K-9 partner, Sam. He possessed an adventurous spirit and provided an estimable role model for future generations, while enjoying the high regard of his family and the community at large.”

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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