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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Senator Jim Beall, Chair

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<b>Urgency:</b>	No	<b>Fiscal:</b>	Yes
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**SUBJECT:** Corporal Ronil Singh Memorial Highway

**DIGEST:** This resolution would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 33 in the Counties of Merced and Stanislaus as the Corporal Ronil Singh 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 will designate a portion of State Highway Route 33 from Sanches Road, Postmile 29.730 in Merced County to Stuhr, Postmile 2.060 in Stanislaus County as the Corporal Ronil Singh Memorial Highway.

### COMMENTS:

- 1) *Purpose.* The author introduced this resolution to honor the service of Corporal Ronil Singh.
- 2) *Background on Corporal Singh.* After immigrating to the United States from the island nation of Fiji, Corporal Singh settled in Stanislaus County and began his law enforcement career as a cadet with the Turlock Police Department. He later worked as a reserve officer with the Merced County Sheriff's Department. In 2011, he joined the Newman Police Department.

Corporal Singh was a well-respected, seven-year veteran of the Newman Police Department, and a trained K-9 officer. His K-9 partner, Sam, frequently accompanied him on duty. Corporal Singh possessed an adventurous spirit and provided an admirable role model for future generations. Corporal Singh's innate desire to do well in the world by providing committed, bountiful, and consequential service, will be forever remembered.

Tragically, on December 26, 2018, Corporal Singh was killed in the line of duty. He is survived by his wife, Anamika, his infant son, and the members of his extended family in both California and Fiji.

- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with the provisions of the committee's policy on highway designation.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No    Fiscal Com.: Yes    Local: No

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

**SUPPORT:**

None received.

**OPPOSITION:**

None received.

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