

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

ACR 128 (Gray and Flora)

As Amended August 25, 2020

Majority vote

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.

The Senate Amendments:

Make minor changes to the location of the portion of the highway that will be designated in the memory of Corporal Ronil Singh Memorial Highway and adds coauthors.

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:

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."

Arguments in Support:

According to the California Professional Firefighters, "Corporal Singh was a dedicated public servant, beginning his career in the Turlock Police Department, serving as a reserve officer for the Merced County sheriff's department, before finally serving the Turlock Police Department for 7 years with great distinction. Leaving behind his wife, infant son, and extended family members, Corporal Singh will be deeply missed by his community and those who knew him."

Arguments in Opposition:

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS:

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

VOTES:**ASM TRANSPORTATION: 14-0-1**

YES: Frazier, Fong, Aguiar-Curry, Berman, Bigelow, Chu, Daly, Diep, Friedman, Gipson, Grayson, Medina, Nazarian, O'Donnell

ABS, ABST OR NV: Cunningham

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 75-0-4

YES: Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Berman, Bigelow, Bloom, Boerner Horvath, Bonta, Brough, Burke, Calderon, Carrillo, Cervantes, Chau, Chen, Chiu, Choi, Chu, Cooley, Cooper, Cunningham, Daly, Eggman, Flora, Fong, Frazier, Friedman, Gabriel, Gallagher, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Gloria, Gonzalez, Gray, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kamlager-Dove, Kiley, Lackey, Levine, Limón, Low, Maienschein, Mathis, Mayes, Melendez, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, O'Donnell, Obernolte, Patterson, Petrie-Norris, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Reyes, Luz Rivas, Robert Rivas, Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Smith, Mark Stone, Ting, Voepel, Waldron, Weber, Wicks, Wood, Rendon

ABS, ABST OR NV: Diep, Kalra, McCarty, Medina

SENATE FLOOR: 39-0-1

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Atkins, Bates, Beall, Borgeas, Bradford, Caballero, Chang, Dahle, Dodd, Durazo, Galgiani, Glazer, Lena Gonzalez, Grove, Hertzberg, Hill, Hueso, Hurtado, Jackson, Leyva, McGuire, Melendez, Mitchell, Monning, Moorlach, Morrell, Nielsen, Pan, Portantino, Roth, Rubio, Skinner, Stern, Umberg, Wieckowski, Wiener, Wilk

ABS, ABST OR NV: Jones

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