
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Senator Jim Beall, Chair

2019 - 2020 Regular

Bill No:	SCR 86	Hearing Date:	5/29/2020
Author:	Hurtado		
Version:	2/18/2020		
Urgency:	No	Fiscal:	Yes
Consultant:	Amy Gilson		

SUBJECT: Officer Jonathan Diaz Memorial Overcrossing

DIGEST: This resolution designates an overcrossing in the City of Lemoore as the Officer Jonathan Diaz Memorial Overcrossing.

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 19th Avenue overcrossing on State Route 198 in the City of Lemoore as the Officer Jonathan Diaz Memorial Overcrossing. It requests that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

COMMENTS:

- 1) *Purpose.* According to the author, “Officer Jonathan Diaz, was fatally shot and killed the night of November 2, 2019 while attending to a domestic dispute. During the altercation Diaz successfully intervened to save a victim only to be fatally shot returning to deescalate the disagreement.”
- 2) *Background.* Officer Jonathan Diaz, father of three, began his law enforcement career in his hometown of Huron, California. In 2016, Officer Diaz moved to the Lemoore Police Department. He was awarded Officer of the Year in 2018 and earned the position of Gang Investigator for the Kings County Major Crimes Task Force. Officer Diaz mentored at-risk youth through the Youth Adult Awareness Program.

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

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Thursday, May 21, 2020.)

SUPPORT:

Lemoore Police Department and Lemoore City Council

OPPOSITION:

None received.

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