

Date of Hearing: April 19, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Laura Friedman, Chair

ACR 19 (Gallagher) – As Amended April 12, 2021

SUBJECT: National Purple Heart Trail

SUMMARY: This resolution designates Route 20 from postmile 0.000 to postmile R3.389 and Route 70 from postmile 13.604 to postmile 15.850 in the City of Marysville in Yuba County as part of the National Purple Heart Trail.

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

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the measure requests that Caltrans, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost of installation and maintenance of appropriate signs, determine the appropriate sign locations and erect those signs.

COMMENTS: The National Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 for commemorating and honoring men and women who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving the United States Armed Forces. Today, segments of the National Purple Heart Trail originate in Mount Vernon, Virginia and can be found in 45 states and Guam. The trail includes stretches of highway across the United States.

Numerous segments of California highways are designated as part of the National Purple Heart Trail, including the entirety of Interstate Routes 5 (I-5) and 80 (I-80), portions of SR 101 in Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, and a portion of SR 223 in Kern County. This resolution adds SR 20 and SR 70 in the City of Marysville in Yuba County to those routes designated for inclusion in the trail in order to honor the men and women who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

The Marysville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 948 wishes to continue the Purple Heart Trail Program, within the city's limits of Marysville. In 2020, the City of Marysville passed a proclamation in support of this proposal. The Marysville Veterans Memorial Center, home of the Marysville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 948, is located on the west side of SR 70.

The Marysville Veterans Memorial Center flies the Purple Heart Flag year round, and is where the Veterans Memorial Wall for Purple Heart Recipients, and Veterans and Honoring Pearl Harbor is located. The Historic Marysville Cemetery is on the east side of SR 70 within the Marysville City limits. The Historic Cemetery is the final resting place of approximately 104 Veterans, some of which are Purple Heart Recipients, along with Veterans from all wars dating back to the Mexican-American War, 1846 to 1848.

According to the author, "The National Purple Heart Trail designation is meant to recognize the sacrifices of all the men and women who have been wounded or killed in combat. This act is meant to show appreciation from the people of the City of Marysville to our veterans."

In support, Marysville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 948 writes, “Marysville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 948 wishes to continue the Purple Heart Trail through Marysville on both State Highway 20 and State Highway 70.”

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Marysville VFW Post 948

Opposition

None

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