

Date of Hearing: August 25, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

ACR 109 (Arambula) – As Introduced July 16, 2025

SUBJECT: Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr., Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a specified portion of State Highway Route 43 in the City of Selma as the Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr., Memorial Highway and requests the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those 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 measure requests that Caltrans determine the cost of appropriate signage consistent with requirements for the state highway system, and only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: On January 31, 2023, Officer Gonzalo Carrasco Jr., of the Selma Police Department passed away while serving in the line of duty, marking the first time a police officer has sacrificed their life in the department's 130-year history, and his untimely death in the pursuit of the highest ideals of public safety has brought immense sorrow and loss to the people of the local community and throughout the State of California.

Born on June 24, 1998, to Veronica and Gonzalo, Sr., Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr., began pursuing his dream of a career in law enforcement as a police explorer for his hometown of Reedley before serving as a police volunteer for the Selma Police Department for two years, and, while he waited for a paid position to open on the police force, he joined his family as a farmworker.

Having graduated from the police academy, Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr., was sworn into the Selma Police Department in 2021, and during his time with the Department, he gained a sterling reputation as an upbeat, enthusiastic, and friendly individual who devoted his time and energy to the perilous duties of law enforcement/

We pause to honor Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr., who made the ultimate sacrifice while performing his sworn duty, and pay tribute to him, a fallen hero, by recalling his devotion, celebrating his life, and honoring his service. Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr., was known and loved for his laughter and loyalty, he leaves many to mourn his passing and celebrate his legacy, including his mother, Veronica; his father, Gonzalo, Sr.; his sisters, Alma and Paola; his brother, Christopher; his son, Maximus; and his extended family members, his dear friends, the Selma Police Department, and a grateful public.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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