

Date of Hearing: April 20, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

ACR 126 (Tangipa) – As Introduced January 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Captain Vidar Anderson Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a specified portion of State Highway Route 395 in the County of Mono as the Captain Vidar Anderson Memorial Highway. The measure would request that 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. This includes 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 the morning of February 19, 1990, Captain Vidar Anderson of the Long Valley Fire Protection District joined 50 fellow first responders in a desperate race to Convict Lake, where several teenagers had fallen through the ice.

Captain Anderson was one of four local responders who fell through the ice attempting to rescue the teenagers. In his heroic effort to save the teens, Captain Anderson saved the life of his fellow first responder, Long Valley Fire Protection District Chief Chris Baitx. Tragically, Captain Anderson succumbed to the cold during this heroic rescue attempt, making the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Captain Anderson's invaluable service, dedication, leadership, and commitment contributed greatly to the safety and well-being of his community. The Long Valley Fire Protection District seeks to honor Captain Anderson's memory and service by dedicating a portion of State Route 395 in his name. This dedication will serve as a fitting tribute to Captain Vidar Anderson's service, sacrifice, and heroism, and will ensure that he is remembered by all who travel this route.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Long Valley Fire Department
Long Valley Fire Protection District
Two Individuals

Opposition

None on file

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