

Date of Hearing:

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

ACR 137 (Ransom) – As Introduced February 13, 2026

SUBJECT: San Joaquin County Deputy Sheriff Dighton Little Memorial Highway

SUMMARY: Designates a specified portion of State Route 99 in the County of San Joaquin as the San Joaquin County Deputy Sheriff Dighton Little 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: Dighton Little was born the son of a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent and was raised in Stockton, California, where he graduated from Lincoln High School. Deputy Little's commitment to public service led him to be sworn in as a San Joaquin County Deputy Sheriff in 1979. During his distinguished career, Deputy Little served with honor in the Custody Division, Patrol Division, and Detective Division and was a charter member of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, representing the highest standards of tactical excellence and bravery.

On October 20, 1989, while the SWAT team was serving a search warrant for narcotics in Ripon, California, an exchange of gunfire occurred. During the service of that warrant, Deputy Little was shot and killed in the line of duty, making the ultimate sacrifice for the safety of his community.

Deputy Little is survived by his mother, father, and brother, and his legacy of professionalism and dedication to law enforcement continues to inspire his colleagues and the residents of San Joaquin County.

It is appropriate to designate a portion of State Route 99 in San Joaquin County in honor of Deputy Little to ensure his sacrifice is never forgotten.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Peace Officers Research Association of California

Opposition

None on file

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