

CONSENT

Bill No: ACR 169
Author: DeMaio (R), et al.
Amended: 4/15/26 in Assembly
Vote: 21

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: 13-0, 6/9/26
AYES: Cortese, Strickland, Archuleta, Arreguín, Blakespear, Dahle, Gonzalez,
Grayson, Menjivar, Richardson, Seyarto, Valladares, Wiener

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: Senate Rule 28.8

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 74-0, 4/23/26 (Consent) - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: The United States Navy Sailor Noah Tobin Memorial Overcrossing

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution designates a specified overcrossing on State Route 15 in the County of San Diego as the “United States Navy Sailor Noah Tobin Memorial Highway.”

ANALYSIS:

Existing law assigns the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways, including the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

Committee Policy:

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 be deceased or a former elected public official who has been out of office for at least 25 years.

- 2) The person must have provided extraordinary public service or some exemplary contribution to the public good and have a connection to the community where the highway is located.
- 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:

- 1) Recounts the life and career of U.S. Navy Sailor Noah Tobin.
- 2) Designates the Deer Springs Road Overcrossing #57-891, at postmile R36.636, on State Route 15 in the County of San Diego as the “United States Navy Sailor Noah Tobin Memorial Overcrossing.”
- 3) Requests Caltrans to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs.

Comments

- 1) *Purpose of the resolution.* According to the author, “Sailor Noah Tobin was a respected and honorable member of the United States Navy that sadly passed away during a parachute training exercise. Noah was loved by all who knew him, including his family and colleagues who mourned Noah deeply after his

passing. Due to his sacrifice and his dedication to serving the United States and protecting it's people, it is imperative that he be honored and remembered.”

- 2) *Background.* U.S. Navy Sailor Noah Tobin was a native of Valley Center, California, and one of eight siblings. He followed the proud legacy of his grandfathers when he joined the United States Navy in 2021. Tobin distinguished himself early in his career, earning the rank of Petty Officer Second Class and joining the elite ranks of the Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewmen (SWCC).

As a Special Warfare Boat Operator assigned to Special Boat Team 20, Tobin was a highly trained specialist in clandestine maritime operations. His role required immense precision and resilience, as he operated high-speed vessels in support of Navy SEALs and global special operations missions. He reported to his first command, an East Coast-based Naval Special Warfare Unit, in May 2024.

Tragically, on July 2, 2025, shortly after returning from a deployment, he passed away following a parachute training exercise in Porterville, California. On July 7, 2025, the communities of Escondido and Valley Center gathered to bring their hero home. Hundreds lined the streets as a procession of military personnel, law enforcement, and firefighters escorted Tobin to his final resting place. The ceremony was attended by community leaders, including the Mayor of Escondido and representatives from Congressman Darrell Issa's office, who presented the Tobin family with a folded flag and a hero's proclamation. Tobin is survived by his parents and siblings.

- 3) *Consistent with committee policy.* This resolution is consistent with committee policy.

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 6/15/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/15/26)

None received

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 74-0, 4/23/26

AYES: Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Solache, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas
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