

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

ACR 21 (Flora)

As Amended May 14, 2025

Majority vote

SUMMARY

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway 99 in the County of San Joaquin as the Galt Police Officer Harminder Grewal 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.

Senate Amendments

Minor and technical amendments.

COMMENTS

Harminder Grewal was sworn in as a Police Officer with the City of Galt Police Department on February 25, 2019 and had an immediate impact during his short career with the Galt Police Department. His desire to do the best he could be each day resulted in awards in his first full year as a police officer.

Officer Grewal was awarded Officer of the Year, a selection by his peers for his work ethic and integrity, which inspired others to perform at their highest levels. He was also awarded the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) award for 2020 based on the number of DUI arrests he made that year. Officer Grewal served the Galt Police Officers Association as Treasurer, and he was near completion of his bachelor's degree.

On Sunday, August 22, 2021, after two and a half years of exemplary service to the City of Galt, Officer Grewal was traveling northbound on State Highway 99 on his way to assist with the Caldor Fire in El Dorado County.

Just north of Dillard Road in Sacramento County, a pickup truck traveling southbound on State Highway 99 hit the center median, broke through a barrier, and entered the northbound lanes, striking the patrol vehicle head-on and causing grievous injuries to Officer Grewal. He ultimately succumbed to those injuries on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

Officer Grewal, who is survived by his parents, brother, and countless other family, friends, and loved ones, will be remembered for his hard work and dedication to professionalism in law enforcement and profoundly missed by all.

According to the Author

On August 22, 2021, Galt Police Officers Harminder Grewal and his patrol partner were traveling northbound on Highway 99 on their way to assist with the Caldor Fire in El Dorado County. Just north of Dillard Road in Sacramento County, a Dodge Ram pickup truck traveling southbound on Highway 99 hit the center median, broke through a barrier, and struck the officers' patrol vehicle head-on. Both officers were extricated from the vehicle and were transported to the hospital in critical condition. Tragically, Officer Grewal succumbed to his injuries on Thursday, August 26th.

Arguments in Support

According to San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, who write in support of this measure, Officer Grewal provided extraordinary public service and touched the hearts of every person he met. For these reasons they ask that we support ACR 21 to memorialize Officer Grewal for his outstanding service to his community.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

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.

VOTES:**ASM TRANSPORTATION: 16-0-0**

YES: Wilson, Davies, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Carrillo, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Jackson, Lackey, Lowenthal, Macedo, Papan, Ransom, Rogers, Ward

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 76-0-3

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

ABS, ABST OR NV: Chen, McKinnor, Papan

SENATE FLOOR: 38-0-2

YES: Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Valladares, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

ABS, ABST OR NV: Jones, Reyes

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