
CONSENT

Bill No: SCR 108
Author: Archuleta (D), et al.
Amended: 4/8/26
Vote: 21

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: 12-0, 4/14/26
AYES: Cortese, Strickland, Archuleta, Arreguín, Blakespear, Dahle, Gonzalez,
Grayson, Menjivar, Richardson, Seyarto, Wiener
NO VOTE RECORDED: Valladares

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: Senate Rule 28.8

SUBJECT: Deputy David Piquette Memorial Highway

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution designates a section of State Route 91 between Kraemer Boulevard and Tustin Avenue in the County of Orange as the “Deputy David Piquette 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.

Senate Transportation 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 Deputy David Piquette.
- 2) Designates a portion of State Route 91 from Kraemer Boulevard OC 55-404 at postmile 7.353, to Tustin Avenue OC 55-414 at postmile 8.399, in the County of Orange, as the “Deputy David Piquette Memorial Highway”.
- 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, “Deputy David Piquette passed away on July 7, 2006, at the age of 34. Deputy Piquette was a Marine Corps veteran, a husband, and a father of two. After serving in the Persian Gulf and retiring from the Marine Corps, he served with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department for ten years as a defensive tactics instructor. His passing

– caused by a collision on State Road 91 – was a tragic loss for his family, his colleagues, and the state of California. I am honored to be able to introduce SCR 108, to dedicate a portion of State Road 91 as the Deputy David Piquette Memorial Highway.”

- 2) *Background.* David Stan Piquette was born in Irvine, California in 1972 to William and Lan Thi Piquette. Following his time at Irvine High School, Deputy Piquette served with the United States Marine Corp as part of the Security Forces Detail with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Upon returning to California, Deputy Piquette joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department where he worked as a Custody Deputy, Patrol Field Training Officer, and eventually a Defensive Tactics Instructor at the Department Training Bureau.

Deputy Piquette received multiple recognitions in his time with the Sheriff’s Department, including Public Commendations, Unit Commander Commendations, and awards for Commendable Restraint and devotion to service. He was noted for being a tremendous worker and showing elite discipline and dedication in all his endeavors.

Outside of work, Deputy Piquette was a practiced athlete, having played football and wrestled in high school, and later being an avid runner, competing nearly every year in the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. He was also a committed husband and father. He married his high school sweetheart, Shawna, with whom he had twin children, Justin David Piquette and Jordan Ashley Piquette.

On the morning of July 7, 2006, Deputy Piquette was driving to work on State Route 91 when he encountered a stove that had fallen from another vehicle. Deputy Piquette took evasive action to avoid striking the stove when he collided with a tractor-trailer. The trailer turned over on his vehicle, causing fatal injuries. Deputy Piquette is deeply missed by many, who view him as having been a hero in all the roles of his life.

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

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 4/27/26)

Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

OPPOSITION: (Verified 4/27/26)

None received

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