

MEMORANDUM

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE INTERGOVERNMENTAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION



March 8, 2017

To: Legislative Committee

From: Annette D'Adamo, MAIII, CAO-Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs Division

AGENDA ITEM:

Receive a report and consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors authorizing the submittal of a request to Senator Anthony Cannella to introduce legislation designating portions of State Route 183 and State Route 101 in the County of Monterey as memorial highways honoring four Monterey County veterans.

Supervisor Luis Alejo has requested that the Legislative Committee consider making a recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors authorizing the submittal of a legislative request to State Senator Anthony Cannella. If introduced and adopted, the legislation would designate portions of State Route 183 and State Route 101 in the County of Monterey as memorial highways honoring four Monterey County veterans. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing these special designations and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the costs, to erect appropriate signage.

This proposal would honor the following Monterey County veterans:

U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Edward Balli, age 42, from Salinas, California and a North Salinas High School graduate, was killed in action in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan on January 20, 2014, and received two Bronze Stars for his service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Request a portion of State Route 183 from Davis Road to Espinosa Road in the City of Salinas, County of Monterey, as the U.S. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Edward Balli Memorial Highway.

U.S. Army Ranger and Specialist Ricardo Cerros, Jr., age 24, from Salinas, California and an Everett Alvarez High School graduate, was killed in action in Logar Province, Afghanistan on October 8, 2011, and received the Purple Heart. Request a portion of State Highway 101 from John Street in the City of Salinas to Exit 317 in Chualar, County of Monterey, as the U.S. Army Specialist Ricardo Cerros, Jr. Memorial Highway

U.S. Army Sgt. Javier Sanchez, age 28, from Greenfield, California and a Ventana Continuation High School graduate, was killed in action in Sar Rowzah, Afghanistan on June 23, 2013, and received the Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medals. Request a portion of State Highway 101 from Arroyo Seco Road in the City of Soledad to Teague Avenue in the City of Greenfield, County of Monterey, as the U.S. Army Sgt. Javier Sanchez Memorial Highway.

U.S. Army Specialist Vilmar Galarza Hernandez, age 21, of Salinas, California and an Everett Alvarez High School graduate, was killed in action in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan on May 26, 2012, and received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal. Request a portion of State Highway 183 from Highway 101 to State Route 183 at Davis Road in the City of Salinas, County of Monterey, as the U.S. Army Specialist Vilmar Galarza Hernandez Memorial Highway.