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## Frazier introduces resolution to name portion of Vacaville freeway in the memory of fallen CHP Officer Kirk Griess

SACRAMENTO – Immediately after taking the oath of office for the 2019-20 legislative session today, Assemblymember Jim Frazier (D-Discovery Bay) introduced a Resolution to name a portion of Interstate 505 in Vacaville in the memory of CHP Officer Kirk Anthony Griess, who was killed on duty earlier this year while conducting a traffic stop on Interstate 80 in Solano County.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 4 (ACR 4) designates I-505 between the Interstate 80 interchange and Vaca Valley Parkway the “CHP Officer Kirk Griess Memorial Highway.”

Officer Griess, who lived in Vacaville, was killed Aug. 10 while conducting a traffic stop on westbound I-80 east of the Manuel Campos off-ramp when he was

struck by a distracted driver who was using his phone when he lost control of his truck at high speed.

“Words cannot express the pain Officer Griess’ family has endured these past several months,” Frazier said. “The death of Officer Griess is a loss to the California Highway Patrol, his Vacaville community and the state of California. He was a beloved veteran CHP officer who worked in the Solano County region for sixteen years. We want honor his service and his exemplary life with a memorial highway in the community that was his home, and where his family lives.”

Officer Griess is survived by his wife, Keri, and their three children: daughters Kadi and Kaci and son Kole.

The Resolution reads, in part, “Whereas, Officer Griess graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy and worked in the Oakland and Contra Costa offices, finally settling in the Solano office where he worked for 16 years; and

“Whereas, Officer Griess was a very loving and involved father who was active in the community of Vacaville where he coached his kids’ youth soccer and baseball teams; and

“Whereas, Whether as a husband, father, son, friend, coworker, coach, or mentor, Officer Griess exceeded every goal he set out to do, and his extraordinarily kind demeanor and infectious smile made him easy to approach and talk with; and

“Whereas, Officer Griess had a heart for service and it showed in the returned love his community had for him, and everyone enjoyed his easygoing nature and his knack for always looking for the positive in others; and

“Whereas, Everything Officer Griess did he did for his family by working hard so they could enjoy life and make memories...”

The resolution concludes, “Whereas, It is important to commemorate Officer Griess’ service and ultimate sacrifice; now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of Interstate 505 between the Interstate 80 interchange and the Vaca Valley Parkway in the County of Solano as the CHP Officer Kirk Griess Memorial Highway to honor and commemorate Officer Kirk Griess’ legacy of his service to his community...”

The Assembly will take up ACR 4 when the 2019-20 session convenes in early January.

By law, signs designating memorial highways cannot be paid for with state funds. The signs designating the CHP Officer Kirk Griess Memorial Highway will be paid for with private donations.

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*Assemblymember Frazier represents the 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which includes the communities of Antioch, Bethel Island, Birds Landing, Brentwood, Byron, Collinsville, Discovery Bay, Fairfield, Isleton, Knightsen, Locke, Oakley, Pittsburg (partial), Rio Vista, Suisun City, Travis AFB, Vacaville and Walnut Grove.*

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