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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
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SUBJECT: Support a Resolution in Memoriam Designating a Portion of Creek Road as "Adan Lara Memorial Roadway"; Supervisorial District No. 1

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Support a Resolution in Memoriam that will designate a portion of unincorporated County roadway Creek Road in Ojai, California, as the "Adan Lara Memorial Roadway," honoring the late Adan Lara for his dedicated service; and
2. Authorize the Public Works Agency Transportation Department to install signage on Creek Road indicating that Creek Road has been dedicated in Memoriam as the "Adan Lara Memorial Roadway" between State Route 33 and Encino Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this board letter.

DISCUSSION:

On October 30, 2015, Public Works Agency Transportation Department employee Adan Lara was struck by a car while flagging traffic on Creek Road near Ojai, and died from his injuries.

Adan was born in Colima, Mexico, and was a lifelong resident of Ojai, where he was well-known for his extensive community service and volunteer work, as well as being active in his church. In 1999, he was awarded the Citizen of the Year award by the Ojai Valley

Chamber of Commerce. Adan was president of the Ojai Valley Mexican Fiesta, founded L.U.P.E. – Latinos Unidos Por Educación – and created the “Amigos” reading program at the Ojai Library. Adan also volunteered to teach classes at Nordhoff High School, helped to register voters, and worked polling places during elections.

Adan was truly one of a kind. Liked and respected by his co-workers, Adan genuinely took great pride in his work and thoroughly enjoyed his job. He is most often remembered for his positive spirit and dedication to his work. He was also a loved and respected family man who leaves behind a wife, son, and two daughters. Adan had a great sense of humor and was always cheerful, always smiling.

The Public Works Agency will designate a portion of Creek Road in Ojai, which is an unincorporated roadway, between State Route 33 and Encino Drive, as the “Adan Lara Memorial Roadway” in honor of his service to the County of Ventura and to encourage safe driving. Adan is truly missed by everyone who had the honor and pleasure of working with him, and this designation will serve as a fitting tribute to Adan’s sacrifice, as well as a reminder to be vigilant about safety procedures and equipment on a daily basis in the hazardous work that Public Works is sometimes called upon to do.

I ask my fellow Board members to join me in supporting this designation of Creek Road.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Bennett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" being more prominent than the last name "Bennett".

Steve Bennett
Supervisor, First District