



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-7

For the meeting of: August 9, 2016

Date: July 26, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn
Subject: Resolution in Support of Designating an Area on State Route 101 in Memory of Corporal Rich Schlesiger

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign a cover letter and direct the Clerk of the Board to forward the letter and attached resolution to Senator Mike McGuire and Assembly Member Wood.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Officer Rich Schlesiger passed away on September 7, 2015 from a rare form of Brain Cancer. The loss of Corporal Schlesiger and his tremendous contributions to Humboldt County and law enforcement have devastated this community. A memorial on State Highway 101 near Loleta would be an outstanding way to honor his memory.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Cover Letter and Resolution

Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature [Signature]
REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass
Nays
Abstain
Absent

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Aug. 9, 2016
By: [Signature]
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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August 9, 2016

Senator Mike McGuire
State Capitol
1303 10th Street, Room # 5064
Sacramento, CA 95814

Assembly Member Jim Wood
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0002

Dear Senator McGuire and Assembly Member Wood:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing to respectfully request that a Joint Resolution be proposed in both houses to designate an area on State Route 101 in Humboldt County in memory of Corporal Rich Schlesiger. The loss of Officer Schlesiger has devastated this community and a memorial on State Route 101 would be an outstanding way to honor a home-grown hero.

The designated area would be State Route 101 in Humboldt County beginning at milepost 68.00 (near Hookton Road) to milepost marker 64.50 (near the Ferndale exit). Officer Schlesiger's family and fellow law enforcement officers would deeply appreciate this recognition, and it would honor Corporal Schlesiger and his tremendous contributions to this community.

Attached to this letter is a resolution our Board passed on August 9, 2016, in support of this designation and we are wholeheartedly requesting your support for this very important recognition.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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cc: Eli Rohl, Caltrans Public Information Officer – eli.rohl@dot.ca.gov

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-88

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF CORPORAL
RICH SCHLESIGER**

WHEREAS, Rich Schlesiger was born in Santa Ana, California on September 7, 1970. In 1972, he and his family moved to Loleta, California where Rich attended Loleta Elementary School and Fortuna High School; and

WHEREAS, Rich was always recognized as an outstanding athlete and exceptional person in the Eel River Valley. His skills on the football field led Rich to attend College of the Redwoods, just two miles from his hometown; and

WHEREAS, Rich knew from an early age he wanted to get involved in Law Enforcement. He attend the 63rd Police Academy at College of the Redwoods and in June, 1991, began his law enforcement career with the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, in July, 1995, Rich returned to his childhood home to accept a job as a Deputy with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, and at the time was assigned to the Willow Creek/Hoopa Community, working patrol operations protecting the citizens of Humboldt County for four years before moving to the Superior Court as a Bailiff; and

WHEREAS, in August, 2001, Rich became a Detective with the Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Division where he was assigned to felony assault and homicide cases. Because of his hard and diligent work, he was promoted to Investigator with the unit, and quickly became the Senior Investigator taking on all of the complex homicides and high profile felony cases in the County; and

WHEREAS, in April, 2013, Rich made the decision to transfer to patrol operations and work back in the area he grew up, Loleta, California. He accepted the Eel River Valley Deputy position which was funded by the Bear River Tribe, and he worked with the Tribe and citizens of Loleta and Eel River Valley to stop escalating crime that was reported in the area; and

WHEREAS, Rich quickly became a popular sight and gained the trust and admiration of many people living in the Eel River Valley; and

WHEREAS, Rich's family and friends could not have been more proud of Rich's commitment to protecting and serving Humboldt County. Everywhere he went he always drew a crowd of admirers. His strong athletic build and warm character was welcoming to the people he served; and

WHEREAS, in January, 2014, Rich was diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer, and on December 30, 2014 he was forced to medically retire at the rank of Corporal; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2015, on his 45th birthday, surrounded by his loving wife Morgan and his three children, Chaz, Cade and Callee and friends, Rich passed away. The loss of Rich has devastated his family, friends and this community; and

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WHEREAS, in memory of Corporal Rich Schlesiger, and to honor his tremendous contributions to his community, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is requesting the dedication of a portion of State Route 101 (milepost marker 68.00 near Hookton Road to milepost marker 64.50 near the Ferndale Exit) in his memory; and

WHEREAS, the Board also respectfully requests that a Joint Resolution be proposed in both houses of the California legislature to designate an area on State Route 101 in Humboldt County in memory of Corporal Rich Schlesiger. A memorial on State Highway 101 near Loleta would be an outstanding way to honor a home-grown hero.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor and remember Corporal Rich Schlesiger for his strength of character, his courage and his commitment to public service

Dated: August 9, 2016



MARK LOVELACE, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Fennell, seconded by Supervisor Sundberg, and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass
NAYS: Supervisors --
ABSENT: Supervisors --
ABSTAIN: Supervisors --

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.



By ANA HARTWELL
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California