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July 22, 2020

The Honorable Jim Beall  
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation  
State Capitol, Room 2209  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Beall,

I am writing in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 89, introduced by Sen. Dahle and coauthored by Assembly Member Bigelow, which would rename a portion of State Route 50 in El Dorado County as the "Deputy Sheriff Brian 'Ish' Ishmael Memorial Highway."

Deputy Ishmael was born and raised in El Dorado County and, after identifying law enforcement as his calling, served with the Placerville Police Department before joining the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department in 2015. He died in the line of duty October 23, 2019, while responding to a call regarding the theft of marijuana plants from what was later determined to be an illegal grow.

Brian left behind his wife, Katie, and their children Prudence, Zoey and Cash, along with his parents, a sister, many friends. The entire law enforcement community mourned the loss of one of their own, a loss reminding everyone of the dangerous nature of their important work.

A notable provision of the Resolution is that the appropriate highway markers would be financed entirely through private donations and installed at no expense to the State. I wholeheartedly endorse the measure and appreciate your and the Committee's consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Veerkamp  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

- c. The Honorable Brian Dahle  
The Honorable Frank Bigelow  
Sheriff John D'Agostini