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Supervisor John Vasquez,

I'm writing you today with a proposal to honor Solano County Deputy Sheriff Jose Cisneros, who was killed in the line of duty on August 25th, 1985.

Deputy Sheriff Jose Cisneros was shot and killed while enroute to back up another deputy. Deputy Cisneros saw a vehicle matching the description provided by dispatchers of subjects littering. Deputy Cisneros observed the vehicle parked into on a farmer's access road off Cherry Glen Road. Deputy Cisneros advised dispatch he was out with the vehicle.

As Deputy Cisneros exited his patrol car, a male suspect ran to the front of the vehicle armed with a shotgun. The suspect tried to order Deputy Cisneros to drop his weapon. Deputy Cisneros saw a second suspect had started the vehicle. The first suspect told Deputy Cisneros his partner was going to run him over. While the first suspect looked back at the van, Deputy Cisneros attempted to back up to towards his patrol vehicle. Before he reached it the first suspect shot him, killing Deputy Cisneros instantly.

Deputy Cisneros had served with the Solano County Sheriff's Department for 14 years. He was survived by his wife, daughter, and brother.

Currently the bridge at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Cherry Glen Road in unincorporated Vacaville is named after Deputy Cisneros. The Solano County Deputy Sheriff Association donated a marker which was placed in this location in 1998. Sadly the area surrounding the Deputy Cisneros' Bridge is often unkempt and overrun with tall dry brush, weeds and garbage.

Recently I observed the unsatisfactory conditions and feel Solano County and our citizens have failed to honor our hero. Deputy Cisneros gave his life protecting the citizens of our great county. Many of our citizens as well as newer county employees, to include the Sheriff's Office, are unaware the bridge had been given an official name.

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I reached out to the Solano Sheriff's Cadet Corps (a group of teenagers who are interested in law enforcement and serving their community) with a request to assist in cleaning the area surrounding the marker placed for Deputy Cisneros. The Cadets, many of whom, have recently traveled to Washington D.C. during Police Officer Memorial Week, jumped at the chance to honor Deputy Cisneros. The next day, Cadets arrived at the site and within thirty minutes managed to cut down all the dry brush and removal the litter.

Supervisor Vasquez, the area near the bridge belongs to the County of Solano. I am formally requesting the County to erect a visible street sign honoring Deputy Cisneros. I believe a sign stating the following "Deputy Jose Cisneros Memorial Bridge" and to include the Sheriff's Office logo, will serve several purposes. The primary purpose of this road sign is to honor Deputy Cisneros and to ensure future generations of Solano County citizens and our employees remember the sacrifice he made on August 25th, 1985.

Additionally, the plaque placed in dedication of Deputy Cisneros is now obstructed by recent roadway safety improvements. A highway safety guard rail currently blocks the plaque from the thousands of motorist who currently travel on the Jose Cisneros Bridge daily.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Smith".

Frank Smith

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