

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1617

AN ACT

To designate the checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol located on United States Highway 77 North in Sarita, Texas, as the “Javier Vega, Jr. Border Patrol Checkpoint”.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Javier Vega, Jr. Me-
3 morial Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) A native of La Feria, Texas, Border Patrol
7 Agent Javier Vega, Jr., served his country first a
8 member of the United States Marines Corps and
9 then proudly as a border patrol agent in the canine
10 division with his dog, Goldie.

11 (2) Agent Vega was assigned to the Kingsville,
12 Texas, Border Patrol Station as a canine handler
13 and worked primarily at the Sarita Border Patrol
14 Checkpoint.

15 (3) On August 3, 2014, Agent Vega was on a
16 fishing trip with his family near Raymondville,
17 Texas, when 2 criminal aliens attempted to rob and
18 attack them.

19 (4) Agent Vega was shot and killed while at-
20 tempting to subdue the assailants and protecting his
21 family.

22 (5) Agent Vega is survived by his wife, parents,
23 3 sons, brother, sister-in-law, niece, and dog, Goldie.

24 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION.**

25 The checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol
26 located on United States Highway 77 North in Sarita,

1 Texas, shall be known and designated as the “Javier Vega,
2 Jr. Border Patrol Checkpoint”.

3 **SEC. 4. REFERENCES.**

4 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
5 paper, or other record of the United States to the check-
6 point described in section 3 shall be deemed to be a ref-
7 erence to the “Javier Vega, Jr. Border Patrol Check-
8 point”.

Passed the Senate August 3, 2017.

Attest:

Secretary.

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