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Meeting Dates: 3/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates the Sunday before Veterans Day as Blue Star Memorial Highway Day to recognize and honor veterans and their families.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the Blue Star Memorial Highway Program
- Interstate 205 designation
- Activities and other opportunities to pay appropriate tribute to the sacrifice of veterans and their families
- Overdue recognition and welcoming home of many veterans
- Bonding and healing that takes place at veteran recognition events

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Blue Star Memorial Program was established in the early 1940s. The blue star emblem was derived from World War II banners that military service families displayed. A Gold Star was displayed to signify families of veterans who lost their lives in service. Interstate 205 was officially named Veterans Memorial Highway on Veterans Day, November 11, 2000, and became part of the Blue Star Memorial Highway system. The Blue Star Highway System signage on the highway is already in place. A convoy travels the full length of I-205, beginning at the Clark County Fairgrounds, on the Sunday before Veterans Day to begin the holiday observance and raise awareness of the highway named in honor of all veterans.