

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1617

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## 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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