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### Sergeant Howard K. Stevenson Memorial Interchange Dedication Planned for Friday, September 23, 2011 at 11 am

The Ceres Department of Public Safety, in conjunction with Assemblyman Bill Berryhill's office, is pleased to announce the dedication of the "Sergeant Howard K. Stevenson Memorial Interchange." The interchange was recently remodeled, and is currently referred to as the Whitmore Overpass. The dedication will be taking place on September 23, 2011, at 11:00 AM, on the southeast side of the Whitmore interchange, adjacent to State Route Highway 99, in the area of Poplar and El Camino. A reception for the family, and other invited guests will follow the ceremony.

On behalf of the family of Sergeant Stevenson and the Ceres Department of Public Safety, Assemblyman Bill Berryhill carried forth legislation to enact the naming of the new interchange in honor of Sergeant Stevenson. Members of his family, as well as other dignitaries will be present during the unveiling of the signs that will be placed on each of side of the interchange memorializing this interchange in his name, recognizing his sacrifice for community of Ceres.

Sergeant Stevenson was killed in the line of duty on January 9, 2005 during a confrontation with a gang member armed with assault rifle. He was the first officer killed in the line of duty since the formation of the Ceres Police Department.

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