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I-90/IL ROUTE 59 OVERPASS OFFICIALLY NAMED IN HONOR OF
FALLEN ISP TROOPER CHONG SOO LIM

Hoffman Estates, IL – Officials from the Illinois State Police (ISP), Illinois Troopers Lodge 41, and the Chong Soo Lim family gathered to honor fallen ISP Trooper Chong Soo Lim by officially designating the I-90/IL Route 59 Overpass the Chong Lim Memorial Overpass.

ISP officers along with Chong Soo Lim family members unveiled signs located on the eastbound and westbound sides of I-90 at the IL Route 59 overpass.

On June 5, 1995, at 11:56 p.m., Trooper Chong Soo Lim was killed in the line of duty when his squad car was struck from behind by a pickup truck on I-90 and burst into flames. Trooper Lim, who was in his squad car completing citations for a traffic stop, tragically lost his life as a result of injuries suffered in the crash.

Trooper Lim was a graduate of Von Steuben High School in Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. In January of 1990, Trooper Lim became a member of Illinois State Police Cadet Class #87 and graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy on June 1 that year. Trooper Lim was assigned to District 3, now District Chicago, before transferring to District 15 (Tollway). Trooper Lim had only been assigned to District 15 for a short time before his tragic death.

“It is with great pride and a heavy heart that I stand here before you to reflect on the life of Trooper Lim,” said ISP Director Leo Schmitz during the dedication ceremony. “Many years have passed since Trooper Lim’s death. We have not forgotten his sacrifice, and we continue to honor and remember his legacy,” Schmitz added.

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Trooper Chong Lim Dedication

During his many years in District Chicago, Trooper Lim was often recognized for his professionalism, dedication, and motivation. On more than one occasion, he was commended for exceptionally high activity, and he received many letters of thanks from the citizens for whom he routinely made an extra effort. His consideration and kindness when dealing with citizens need, whether they were stranded motorists or accident victims, reflected Trooper Lim's dedication to public service and to the ideals of the Illinois State Police.

The resolution to dedicate the overpass was initiated by State Senator Antonio Munoz, and Illinois State Representative John Cabello and sponsored by Troopers Lodge 41.

The dedication ceremony took place at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates, and was followed by a brief procession to the overpass dedication location.



Trooper Chong S Lim

EOW: June 5, 1995

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