Approved: _	March 9, 2005
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on February 22, 2005 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Jerry Henry- excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chris Maurich, ABATE of KS
Chuck Yunker, KS American Legion
Timothy S. Gates (written testimony only)
Kris Ailslieger, Citizen
Tom Whitaker, Ex. Dir., KS Motor Carrier Ass'n.
Representative John Grange

Others attending:

See attached list.

HB 2298 - Purple heart license plates, motorcycles

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on <u>HB 2298</u>. The first proponent of this bill was Chris Maurich, a retired army veteran from Wakefield, KS. (<u>Attachment 1</u>) Mr. Maurich said he was a lobbyist for ABATE of Kansas, Inc. as well as a veteran with twenty years active duty, a member of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. He said Kansas' combat wounded war veterans, whether they operate mini-vans or motorcycles are proud of their military service and feel this legislation is a matter of courtesy, fairness and respect. He said ABATE of Kansas recognizes motorcycles as a viable means of transportation and feels that motorcyclists' that have earned the Purple Heart should be given the opportunity to receive recognition as do other motor vehicle operators.

The next proponent for <u>HB 2298</u> was Charles Yunker, Adjutant for the Kansas American Legion. (<u>Attachment 2</u>) He said several years ago when The American Legion joined Senator Ben Vidricksen and others to approve the issuance of Purple Heart license plates, they simply overlooked those who rode motorcycles. He said the omission was unintentional and was brought to their attention by those who ride motorcycles and who have suffered combat related wounds while serving their nation in the Armed Forces. According to Mr. Yunker <u>HB 2298</u> provides the opportunity to correct the omission by permitting qualified motorcycle enthusiasts to purchase and display their Purple Heart recipient status.

Chairman Hayzlett drew the Committee's attention to written testimony submitted by Timothy S. Gates, who due to illness was unable to attend the hearing on **HB 2298**. (Attachment 3)

There being no other proponents and no opponents Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on HB 2298.

HB 2310 - Military veterans license plate, decals

The first proponent for this bill was Kris Ailslieger who said he was there as a citizen. (Attachment 4) He said while attending army reserves in the Kansas City area he noticed cars in the parking lot that if they were from Missouri and had been awarded the bronze star, the State of Missouri provided them with a distinctive license plate that indicated their bronze star award. He said after reviewing the Kansas statutes he found Kansas provides a distinctive license plate for veterans, as well as distinctive plates for winners of the Purple Heart and Medal of Honor but it provided no similar recognition of other combat awards. He said that while Kansas' distinctive license plates for veterans offer all who served honorable recognition for their service, that those who have distinguished themselves in combat deserve extra recognition. Mr. Ailslieger said not only would the growing number of combat veterans involved in our current conflict be recognized, but this bill

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will also recognize veterans from the Persian Gulf War, the Vietnam War, the Korean war, World War II and other conflicts.

The next proponent for <u>HB 2310</u> was Charles Yunker, Adjutant for the Kansas American Legion. (Attachment 5) According to Mr. Yunker, The Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross and the Distinguished Flying Cross military awards are very close in merit. Meaning that each branch of service has its "Cross" metal and each carry nearly as much or more prestige as the Bronze and Silver Star awards. The main difference between all of these awards is the manner in which the recommending officer views or interprets the criteria for each and the action or performance of the individual being considered for the award. Mr. Yunker asked the Committee to consider three additions to <u>HB 2310</u> and one slight but important correction. That is, <u>HB 2310</u> refers to the Army Distinguished Service Cross as the "Distinguished Service Cross: and they feel the word "Army" should be added thereby eliminating any future doubt or confusion as to Legislative intent. They recommend the addition of the Army Combat Infantry Badge, Navy/Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon and the Combat Medic Badge. Each signifies the recipient has been fired upon by an enemy combatant and they feel those Kansas citizens deserve recognition.

The last proponent was Chris Maurich. He did not have written testimony on this bill but spoke in support of it.

Carmen Alldritt provided neutral testimony on this bill. (Attachment 6) According to Director Alldritt, with the passage of HB 2947 in 2004, two decals are currently allowed in the upper left hand corner of the U.S. Veteran license plate, Bronze and Silver Stars. She said if **HB 2310** is passed, six decals could be available to eligible applicants; however, there is only room for two decals to be displayed on the license plate. Applicants for the new decals listed in **HB 2310** would need to choose only two decals, should they be eligible for more than two decals. She said they were advised that the Bronze and Silver Star designs as well as the Distinguished Service Cross and Distinguished Flying Cross designs, represent the highest awards spanning all branches of service.

There were no more proponents and no opponents so Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on HB 2310.

<u>HB 2315 - permanent registration for technical college vehicles leased for truck driver training program</u>

Chairman Hayzlett introduced Tom Whitaker as the proponent for **HB 2315**. According to Mr. Whitaker (Attachment 7) **HB 2315** makes a technical change to KSA 8-1,134 which allows cities, counties and school districts to permanently register motor vehicles at a reduced cost. In 2003, the Legislature approved HB 2159 which allowed the Wichita Area Vocational School to lease 5 tractor trailers for their truck driver training program. At that time, the Wichita Area Vocational School was part of the Wichita School District. It is now no longer part of the school district and cannot continue to permanently register the tractor trailers used in their truck driving training program. **HB 2315** allows the Wichita Area Technical College to continue to be permanently registering their vehicles as they have been for the last two years.

There were no additional proponents and no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing on $\underline{\textbf{HB 2315.}}$

HB 2409 - designating part of U.S. highway 54 as Veterans Memorial highway

The Chairman recognized Representative John Grange as a proponent for HB 2409. (Attachment 8) Representative Grange explained that this bill will designate a portion of US Highway 54 where it enters the Kansas-Missouri border, then west to the east city limits of Kingman, as the Veterans Memorial Highway. This is a distance of 205 miles. According to Representative Grange, this designation will honor all veterans of Active, Reserve, and National Guard service regardless of theater of operation or branch of service. He said the fiscal responsibility for the signage is to be borne by gifts and donations for the signs and an additional 50% of the same costs for maintenance and replacement. He concluded by asking that this bill be passed favorably from the Committee.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on HB 2409.

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The Chairman called for final action on <u>HB 2298</u>. Representative Yonally made a motion to pass this bill favorably from Committee, it was seconded by Representative Ballard and the motion carried.

The Chairman called for final action on <u>HB 2310</u>. Representative Burgess made a motion to amend this bill by adding the wording "combat medical badge, army combat infantry badge, navy/marine corps combat action ribbon, army". This motion was seconded by Representative Olson and the motion carried to amend **HB 2310**. Representative Burgess then made a motion to pass **HB 2310**, as amended, favorably out of committee, seconded by Representative Ruiz and the motion carried.

The Chairman called for final action on <u>HB 2409</u>. <u>Representative Humerickhouse made a motion to pass HB 2409</u> favorably out of committee, seconded by Representative Jack and the motion carried.

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting. There were no future meetings scheduled at this time.

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February 22, 2005

House Transportation Committee Room 519-S 300 SW 10th Street Topeka, Kansas 66612-1504

House Bill 2298

Good afternoon honorable Mr. Chairman, honorable members of the committee, and guests.

I am Chris Maurich from Wakefield, Kansas. I am a retired Army veteran with twenty years active duty, a member of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. I am the lobbyist for ABATE of Kansas, Inc. We are a proponent of House Bill 2298, authorizing Purple Heart license plates for motorcycles. With me today are several of my colleagues, who are supporters and proponents of HB 2298.

Like the individuals who operate them, Kansas's veterans' modes of personal transportation come in all shapes and sizes. Some have but two wheels.

Kansas's combat wounded war veterans, whether they operate mini-vans or motorcycles, are proud of their military service and selfless sacrifice to Kansas, as well as the nation.

A fellow retired serviceman from Junction City that earned a Purple Heart in Vietnam, spoke to me about this bill. He had attempted to get things right several years ago, but the untimely passing of his Representative stagnated further action on his part. He could not be here today, as he is recovering from surgery.

This legislation is merely a matter of courtesy, fairness and respect. A veteran's choice of transportation should not preclude him or her from proudly displaying Purple Heart license plates. Veterans wounded in past conflicts, or in actions shaping our current events, as well as those casualties in future wars, will be able to display the distinctive plates bearing witness to the Purple Heart with this bill being signed into law.

Current state statute 8-1,140 was first recorded in 1994, and does not include motorcycles. Many states have included motorcycles recently to the availability of Purple Heart tags, among them Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Massachusetts. Legislation is pending in many more, South Carolina and Tennessee among them.

ABATE of Kansas recognizes motorcycles as a viable means of transportation, and feels that motorcyclist' that have earned the Purple Heart be given the opportunity to receive recognition as do other motor vehicle operators.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we ask for a favorable ruling on HB 2298.

Chris Maurich

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Lobbyist, ABATE of Kansas, Inc.

House Transportation

Date: 2-22-05

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HOUSE BILL 2298

Testimony presented to the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

By

The American Legion

Tuesday, February 22, 2005 1:30pm, Room 519 S

Good afternoon my name is Charles Yunker and I am the Adjutant for the Kansas American Legion. I want to thank you for providing The American Legion this opportunity to speak to you today in support of House Bill 2298 which simply adds the availability of Purple Heart motorcycle license plates to K.S.A. 8-1,140.

Several years ago when The American Legion joined Senator Ben Vidricksen and others in asking the Legislature to approve the issuance of Purple Heart license plates, we simply over looked those who ride motorcycles. That omission was an unintentional and regrettable oversight on our part that was soon brought to our attention by those who ride motorcycles and who have suffered combat related wounds while serving our nation in the Armed Forces.

House Bill 2298 provides the opportunity to correct that omission by permitting qualified motorcycle enthusiasts to purchase and display their Purple Heart recipient status. Motorcycle ownership is increasing nation wide especially among younger veterans and those of the Vietnam era. In fact one of the American Legion's newest programs, "American Legion Riders" is the fastest growing segment of our organization with well over 300 members, 153 of whom joined The American Legion last year just so they could belong to the Legion Riders. Many of those motorcyclists are Purple Heart recipients therefore I urge your support of HB 2298 and again thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

House Transportation
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Attachment # 2



TIMOTHY S. GATES

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February 21, 2005

House Transportation Committee Room 519-S 300 SW 10th Street Topeka, Kansas 66612-1504

RE: HB2298

Honorable Chairman & Committee Members,

Emochs S. Hates

I am not able to make the hearing in person but I am sending this letter to let you know that I am a proponent of the above referenced legislation. I feel strongly that those who have earned the Purple Heart should be able to proudly display it on the vehicle of their choice. I am sure your yes vote on this matter will be received as another "Thank You for serving" by those who have earned the medal. I appreciate your taking up this matter and ask for your support.

Sincerely,

Timothy S. Gates

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Date: 2-22-05
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2310 – 22 FEB 05

KRIS AILSLIEGER

I am an Army Reservist and Kansas resident. I was deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom from March, 2003, to March 2004. I asked my state representative, Mike Burgess, to pursue this legislation to provide recognition for Kansas military veterans who distinguished themselves during combat operations.

The impetus for this came from a simple observation in the parking lot of my army reserve unit. Because my unit is located in the Kansas City area, it is manned by soldiers from both Kansas and Missouri. Shortly after our return from Iraq, I noticed the license plate of one of our Missouri soldiers who had been awarded the Bronze Star while serving in Iraq. The State of Missouri provided him with a distinctive license plate that indicated his Bronze Star award.

A search of the Kansas statutes revealed to me that while Kansas provides a distinctive license plate for veterans, as well distinctive plates for winners of the Purple Heart and Medal of Honor, it provides no similar recognition of other combat awards. However, other neighboring states in addition to Missouri, such as Colorado and Iowa, provide their combat veterans with such recognition. Therefore, I proposed to Mr. Burgess that Kansas enact legislation to provide similar recognition for its veterans who have earned military honors for combat service.

While Kansas' distinctive license plates for veterans offer all who served honorably recognition for their service, I believe that those who have distinguished themselves in combat deserve extra recognition. The awards that I have suggested be recognized through this legislation are not bestowed in large numbers. Those who have earned such awards have gone above and beyond the call of duty in some measure during combat operations.

During this time when our nation is at war in various locations around the globe, and large numbers of Kansas National Guardsmen, reservists, and active duty service members from Kansas military bases are serving in combat zones around the world, this small measure of recognition will be a timely demonstration of our State's support for those who serve our nation. Moreover, it will not only recognize the growing number of combat veterans involved in our current conflict, but will also recognize veterans from the Persian Gulf War, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, World War II, and other conflicts.

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HOUSE BILL 2310

Testimony presented to the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

By

The American Legion

Tuesday, February 22, 2005 1:30pm, Room 519 S

State Capitol Building Topeka, Kansas

Good afternoon my name is Charles Yunker and I am the Adjutant for the Kansas American Legion. I want to thank you for providing The American Legion this opportunity to speak to you today in support of House Bill 2310. Mr. Darrell Bencken who is my counterpart with the Veterans of Foreign Wars had planned to present testimony supporting HB 2310 however he is ill today and has asked me to speak on his behalf. Together The American Legion and VFW represent Kansas' two largest veterans' organizations and we would like to thank Representative Burgess' sponsoring HB 2310 and its proposed amendments to KSA 8-1,146.

The American Legion and the VFW wish to commend the Legislature for permitting the display of the Silver and Bronze Stars on license plates by those Kansas veterans whose distinguished service and valor while on active duty brought honor to themselves and our nation. The Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, and the Distinguished Flying Cross military awards very close in merit. That is; each branch of service has its "Cross" metal and each carry nearly as much or more prestige as the Bronze and Silver Star awards. The main difference between all of these awards is the manner in which the recommending officer views or interrupts the criteria for each and the action or performance of the individual being considered for the award.

We would like to offer for your consideration three additions to HB 2310 and one slight but important correction. That is; HB 2310 refers to the Army Distinguished Service Cross as the "Distinguished Service Cross"; we feel the word 'Army' should be added thereby eliminating any future doubt or confusion as to Legislative intent. We also recommend the addition of the Army Combat Infantry Badge, Navy/Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon, and the Combat Medic Badge. As their name implies, these military awards are badges and ribbons. Each signify the recipient has be fired upon by an enemy combatant and we feel those Kansas citizens deserve recognition.

Therefore I ask that you support House Bill 2310 and recommend its approval by the full House so veterans deserving much the same honor and privilege of displaying their military achievements on their license tags may do so. Again thank you for granting The American Legion the opportunity to appear before you today.

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JOAN WAGNON, SECRETARY

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DIVISION OF VEHICLES

TO:

Chairman Gary Hayzlett

Members of the House Transportation Committee

FROM:

Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles

DATE:

February 22, 2005

SUBJECT:

House Bill 2310 – Distinguished Service Decals

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I am Carmen Alldritt, Director of the Kansas Department of Revenue's Division of Vehicles. Thank you for allowing me to testify on House Bill 2310.

House Bill 2310, as introduced, amends K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 8-1,146 adding, in subsection (e) the distinguished service cross, navy cross, air force cross and the distinguished flying cross to the list of decals that can be issued and displayed on a veteran tag. The effective date of this bill would be January 1, 2006.

With the passage of HB2947, in 2004, two decals are currently allowed in the upper left hand corner of the U.S. Veteran license plate, Bronze and Silver Stars. If HB2310 is passed, six decals could be available to eligible applicants; however, there is only room for two decals to be displayed on the license plate. Attached, please find a copy of the current U.S. Veteran's license plate with placement of decals for the Bronze and Silver Star. Applicants for the new decals listed in HB2310 would need to choose only two decals, should they be eligible for more than two decals.

We were advised that the Bronze and Silver Star designs as well as the Distinguished Service Cross and Distinguished Flying Cross designs, represent the highest awards spanning all branches of service. However, awards that are specific to a single branch of service or those that represent a lower award status, present more difficulty to develop, produce, and supply to the counties simply in terms of the numbers that would need to be produced, to have available to customers.

Attached, please find an informational sheet representing the costs associated with the implementation of 2004 HB2947, bronze/silver stars and branch of service decals, and the status of decals issued to date. Also we have provided copies of the proposed decals and the current U.S. Veteran plate with associated decals, for your reference.

Thank you, and I would stand for questions.

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2004 HB2947 Bronze/Silver Star Branch of Service Decals Auto and Motorcycle

	Current Shipment		*	ä
Silver Stars: Bronze Stars:	15,000 25,000	.0412 ea .0412 ea	\$ 618.00 1,030.00	\$1,648.00
Auto Branch of Service:				
Army	15,000	.0476 ea	\$ 714.00	
Navy	15,000	.0476 ea	714.00	
Air Force	15,000	.0476 ea	714.00	
Marines	15,000	.0476 ea	714.00	
Coast Guard	10,000	.0476 ea	476.00	
Merchant Marines	5,000	.0476 ea	238.00	\$3,570.00
Motor Cycle Branch of Service:		Ø.		
Army	3,000	.0476 ea	\$ 142.80	
Navy	3,000	.0476 ea	142.80	
Air Force	3,000	.0476 ea	142.80	
Marines	3,000	.0476 ea	142.80	
Coast Guard	2,000	.0476 ea	95.20	
Merchant Marines	1,000	.0476 ea	47.60	\$ 714.00
				\$5,932.00

Year To Date Issuances

Bronze Stars	55							
Silver Stars	7	Total	62					
Branch of Service Auto								
	0.1							
Air Force	81							
Army	228							
Coast Guard	0							
Marines	0							
Merchant Marines	1							
Navy	0	Total	310					
Branch of Service MC								
Air Force	2							
Army	8							
Coast Guard	0			ä				
Marines	0							
Merchant Marines	0							
Navy	0	Total	10		Grand Total:	3	82	

HB 2310 2005 MILITARY VETERAN DECALS



Distinguished Service Cross Ribbon



Distinguished Flying Cross Ribbon



Navy Cross Ribbon



Air Force Cross Ribbon









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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY
before the
House Transportation Committee
Representative Gary Hayzlett, Chairman

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

I am Tom Whitaker, executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. I appear here this afternoon representing our 1,200 member firms and specifically the Wichita Area Technical College in support of House Bill No. 2315.

HB 2315 makes a technical change to K.S.A. 8-1,134 which allows cities, counties and school districts to permanently register motor vehicles at a reduced cost. In 2003, the Legislature approved HB 2159 which allowed the Wichita Area Vocational School to lease 5 tractor trailers for their truck driver training program. At that time, the Wichita Area Vocational School was part of the Wichita School District.

Due to changes in governance over the school, it is no longer part of the school district and cannot continue to permanently register the tractor trailers used in their truck driving training program. HB 2315 would allow the Wichita Area Technical College to continue to be permanently registering their vehicles as they have been for the last two years.

KMCA supports HB 2315 and asks for your favorable consideration of the bill. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.



JOHN C. GRANGE
REPRESENTATIVE, 75TH DISTRICT
BUTLER COUNTY



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February 22, 2005

Chairman Hayzlett and members of the committee, thank-you for allowing me to provide testimony in support of HB 2409. This process will designate a portion of US Highway 54 where it enters the Kansas-Missouri border, then west to the east city limits of Kingman, as the Veterans Memorial Highway. The total distance is 205 miles.

This designation will honor all veterans of Active, Reserve, and National Guard service regardless of theater of operation or branch of service. My predecessor, Bill Mason, a 12-year member of this House of Representatives asked me to carry this bill. Mr. Mason is a champion of Veterans Recognition and a well-respected member of the community.

Kansas has 10,739 miles of paved roads that include, 9,565 miles of roads of the Rural State System and 814 miles of City Connecting Links. According to the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) 2005 Annual report, KTA has 238 miles of paved roads. To date there are currently 4,785.60 miles of special designated highways. I have enclosed an attachment of these existing designated roads for your review.

The average traffic count on this stretch of road from the Missouri border through, Ft Scott, Iola, Yates Center, Eureka, El Dorado, Augusta, Andover, Wichita, Goddard, Garden Plain, Cheney, and on to Kingman, is 10,449 vehicles per day with 1,154 trucks per day. As you can see there is a significant number of travelers along this route.

The fiscal responsibility for the signage is to be borne by gifts and donations for the signs and an additional 50% of the same costs for maintenance and replacement. We currently have the commitment for funds from private sources to install the signs. This cost will be \$1,000 for the required two signs, one at each beginning of the designated road. It is my hope others along the route will want to participate and they will be responsible for the additional signage within their community area.

As you know I had co-signers of this bill who represent the districts along the route. I think this is an indication of the interest to accomplish this small tribute to our fighting forces and I would ask you to favorably pass this bill out of the committee.

Respectively Submitted: John C. Grange Representative 75th District.

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Special Designations

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STATUTE	NAME	YEAR	ROUTE	MILEAGE
68-1009	BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1951	US 40	427
68-1010	BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY *(combined with Robert Docking Memorial Highway)	1951(repealed 2004)	US 75 & US 77	71
68-1010	ROBERT B. DOCKING MEMORIAL HIGHWAY *(Combined with Blue Star Memorial Highway)	1951	US 75 & US 77	35
68-1011	AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1955	US 281	244
68-1012	SANTA FE TRAIL	1961	US 56, US 50	471
68-1013	35TH INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1963	I 35	235
68-1015	35TH INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIAL HIGHWAY (Signage)	1963;1975	1 35	
68-1017	SMOKY HILL TRAIL	1963		220
68-1018	SMOKY HILL TRAIL (Signage)	1963;1975		
68-1019	PONY EXPRESS HIGHWAY	1964;1988	US 36	120
68-1020	LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION ROUTE	1967;1975;1987	US 24, 40, 59, 73; K 7	39
68-1021	CHISHOLM TRAIL	1967;1975	US 81; K 15	153
68-1022	PRAIRIE PARKWAY	1967;1975	US 24, 36, 54; K 13, 15, 16, 96, 99, 177	270
68-1024	EISENHOWER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1967;1975	K 15	257
68-1026	KAW VALLEY SCENIC HIGHWAY	1971;1975	K 32	32
68-1027	TURKEY WHEAT TRAIL HIGHWAY	1974;1975	US 50	222
68-1028	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY (I-470)	1982	I 470	13
68-1029	YELLOW BRICK ROAD	1982;1985	US 54	374
68-1030	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY (US-24)	1984	US 24	
68-1031	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY (I-135)	1985	I 135	11
68-1032	OREGON TRAIL (Markers)	1985		
68-1033	SHAWNEE MISSION PARKWAY	1985	US 56	13
68-1034	AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1987	US 73; K 7	69
68-1035	DILLINGHAM FREEWAY	1988	I 670	1.6
68-1036	FRANK CARLSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1988	US 81;	79
68-1037	HARRY DARBY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1990	1 635	8
68-1038	FRONTIER MILITARY SCENIC BYWAY	1990	K 5, 7; US 69, 73; I 435;	158
68-1039	US-66 HISTORIC HIGHWAY	1991	US 66	5
68-1040	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY (US-166)	1991	US 166	5
68-1041	CESSNA BOULEVARD	1991	K 2, 42	1
68-1042	WILLIAM H. AVERY HIGHWAY	1993	· K 82	10
68-1043	DANNY J. PETERSEN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1994	US 75	10
68-1044	STATE FAIR FREEWAY	1995	K 96	43
68-1045	CANNONBALL STAGELINE	1996	US 54	70
68-1046	AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL BRIDGE (Bridge no. 13)	1997	US 59 (AT county)	
68-1047	WALNUT VALLEY GREENWAY	1998	US 77	2
68-1048	SENATOR BILL MORRIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1999	K 254	24
68-1049	MIKE HAYDEN OVERPASS BRIDGE (Bridge no. 008 US 83 Seward county)	1999	US 83	
68-1050	HERMAN G. DILLION BRIDGES (no. 72 & 287)	1999	US 169 (WY county)	
68-1051	PURPLE HEART/COMBAT WOUNDED VETERANS HIGHWAY	2001	K9, 62; US 75	258
68-1052	CHARLES SHELDON TRAFFICWAY	2001	US 24	5

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68-1053	ROBERT V. TALKINGTON HIGHWAY		**	2002	US 169	23
68-1054	VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY			2002	US 83	227
68-1055	CLAYTON J. CONNELL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY			2002	US 400	19
68-1056	BEN E. VIDRICKSEN HIGHWAY			2002	I 135	19
00 1000	GLACIAL HILLS SCENIC BYWAY			2003	K 7	59
68-1057	THE ROAD TO OZ			2003	K 99	56
00 1001	SMOKY VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY			2003	US283, K147, K4	60
	WETLANDS & WILDLIFE SCENIC BYWAY			2004	K4, US281, RS ROUTES	75
HB 2833	75TH DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY HIGHWAY			2004	US24, K177, K18,	63
HB 2833	89TH DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY HIGHWAY			2004	US77	117
HB 2833	95TH DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY HIGHWAY			2004	US24, US59, K92	53
HB 2833	930TH ORDNANCE AMMUNITION COMPANY BY-PASS			2004	US 400	5
HB 2833	KICKAPOO VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY			2004	K20	10
HB 2833	MAISIE DEVORE HIGHWAY			2004	K4	39
HB 2833	SENATOR BOB DOLE BY-PASS			2004	K96	5
					*Total Miles of Special Designations	4,785.6

^{*}It bears noting that some miles carry more than one designation.