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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2041

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2041 would amend current law and rename “the 95th Division of the United States Army Highway,” “the 95th Division, the Iron Men of Metz Highway.” The designation would begin on United States Highway 24 from the east city limits of Topeka, then east on United States Highway 24, to the junction with United States Highway 59, then north on United States Highway 59, to the junction with K-92 Highway, then in a northeasterly direction on K-92 Highway to the City of Leavenworth.

The bill also would require the Secretary of Transportation to:

- Place signs along the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate the designation;
- First receive sufficient moneys from gifts and donations for the reimbursement of the cost of placing such signs before erecting the signs; and
- Charge an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement costs of the signs.

The Secretary also may accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing the signs.

Background

The bill to include the words, “the Iron Men of Metz” to the signs came in response to contacts between the Revisor of Statutes and the proponents of the original bill, 2004 HB 2833. The Revisor was advised that the original bill did not contain the name that the proponents of the bill wanted.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

There were no other conferees.

The fiscal note prepared by the Kansas Department of Transportation indicates that the bill would require that signs designating the "95th Division, Iron Men of Metz" be placed at six locations along the route (two on US-24, two on US-59, and two on K-92). The Department indicates that manufacturing and installing signs would cost \$3,500 in FY 2008, including \$500 each for five highway signs and \$1,000 for one expressway sign. The bill specifies that no signs can be placed until sufficient private funds have been received from donations to cover the cost of the signs and another 50.0 percent to defray future maintenance costs. In order to place the signs, the Department estimates it would have to receive donations totaling \$5,250, including \$3,500 for manufacturing and installation and \$1,750 to defray future maintenance costs.