

SESSION OF 2009

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 5**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

SB 5 would designate a portion of U.S. Highway 160 as the 1011<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Co. U.S. Army Reserve Memorial Highway. The designation would be from the east city limits of Independence to the junction of US-160 and US-169. The bill also contains these provisions related to signage:

- Requires the Secretary of Transportation to place the signs along the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate the designation;
- Precludes the signs from being erected until the Secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing the signs and an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement of the signs; and
- Allows the Secretary to accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

**Background**

Senator Derek Schmidt introduced Bill Wullenschneider, a veteran with long service in the Company, who testified in support of the bill. The 1011<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Co. is based in Independence and served in the Vietnam Conflict, Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mr. Wullenschneider's testimony included letters of support from the Independence Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Derrill Unruh, Mayor of Independence; the Montgomery County

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Board of County Commissioners; American Legion Post 139, Independence; Heartland Vietnam Veterans, Independence; and Veterans of Foreign Wars Dewlen-Dix Post 1186, Independence. There was no testimony opposing the bill.

The fiscal noted prepared by the Division of Budget says that the Kansas Department of Transportation reported that the agency would have to receive \$3,870 from donations before installing the signs, \$2,580 for the cost of the signs including installation and an additional 50 percent, \$1,290, for future maintenance. Any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of the bill was not included in amounts recommended in *The FY 2010 Governor's Budget Report*.