

**HOUSE BILL No. 2507**

By Representative Rhiley

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1 AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating bridge No. 160-96-  
2 293.72 in Sumner county as the SrA Derek Scott Martin memorial  
3 bridge.

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5 WHEREAS, SrA Derek Scott Martin was born in Wellington, Kansas,  
6 on July 16, 1987, and was a graduate of Wellington High School in 2005,  
7 where he excelled in academics, technology and sports, especially in golf,  
8 his passion; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon graduating from high school in 2006, Derek enlisted  
10 in the United States Air Force and, after graduating from basic military  
11 training, was assigned to MacDill Air Force Base as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Security  
12 Force Squadron; and

13 WHEREAS, Derek proudly served multiple tours in both Operation  
14 Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and received the  
15 prestigious Purple Heart Medal for his service before being honorably  
16 discharged from the Air Force in 2012; and

17 WHEREAS, After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Derek  
18 followed his passion for golf by earning an associate degree in  
19 professional golf management and working as an assistant golf  
20 professional in Florida and California; and

21 WHEREAS, Derek's love for the military and service to others led him  
22 to partner with the Wounded Warrior Project, spending his time talking  
23 with local veterans about his military experience and struggles with PTSD;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Derek co-founded the Rimpact Foundation in 2014 with a  
26 mission to bring wounded warriors together around the game of golf and  
27 using sports as a way to help military members suffering from post-  
28 traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries; and

29 WHEREAS, Derek tragically passed away on March 17, 2020, in  
30 Lincoln, California, at the age of 32.

31 Now, therefore:

32 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

33 Section 1. Bridge No. 160-96-293.72 located on United States  
34 highway 160 in Sumner county is hereby designated as the SrA Derek  
35 Scott Martin memorial bridge. Upon compliance with K.S.A. 68-10,114,  
36 and amendments thereto, the secretary of transportation shall place

1 suitable signs to indicate that such bridge is the SrA Derek Scott Martin  
2 memorial bridge.

3       Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
4 publication in the statute book.