Honorable members of the House Transportation Committee:

I am writing in support of HB 2263 to designate a future interchange on K-10 as the Kris Norton memorial interchange.

Others will provide information specific to the impact Kris had on the design of this interchange and many other impacts of his 33 years in KDOT. I wish to add a brief southwestern Kansas perspective to his life and career. Kris was born and raised in the Dodge City area, and still has family living in Dodge City.

Kris began his KDOT career in the summer of 1991 and worked his first year as an Engineer-in-Training in KDOT's Dighton Construction office. From there he pursued his KDOT career in Road Design.

Kris was always willing to jump in and work on projects in southwestern Kansas and help us resolve unique road design issues. SW Kansas was a special place for Kris. We have benefitted greatly from his knowledge, creativity, and ability to communicate.

Thank you for your consideration of this designation.

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