

Dedication of the Kris Norton Memorial Interchange – HB2263

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Re: Support for Kris Norton Memorial Interchange on K-10 Highway

Dear Senate committee -

I am writing today in support of naming the interchange on the K-10 highway the Kris Norton Memorial Interchange. I was a bridge design engineer at KDOT from 2008 to 2014 and have since moved to Colorado where I currently serve as the City Engineer for Englewood, CO. During my time at KDOT I collaborated with Kris on several projects including our biggest project, the bridge replacement at Yates Center over BNSF Railroad that was built around 2014. Beyond work Kris was a personal friend who I shared many memories with in Lawrence, Kansas playing softball, racquetball, volleyball and many other activities.

I am testifying today because I think Kris is eminently worthy of this memorial. I support this bill because Kris was one of the most respected engineers at KDOT when I worked there - his devotion to the state of Kansas was unparalleled. He served the state of Kansas DOT until he was physically no longer able to due to the cancer that eventually took his life. Kris' devotion to the state and his devotion to leaving KDOT a better place than he found it, make him an exemplary candidate for this memorial.

Memorializing Kris' contributions to the state is a great way to show current and future KDOT employees that the state cares about and respects its staff. If you knew Kris, you knew his devotion to the state was unwavering and his life should be memorialized for years to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support to for this matter.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Branham', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kyle Branham