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Chairman Hayzlett and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in favor of HB2590. The following words are from the people who knew Sheriff Mee. They only tell a small story of a man who was admired for his dedication to making his area of the world a better place for all people.

David W. Mee worked for the Kansas Highway Patrol for 27 years. He was hired by the patrol on December 1, 1969, and he was assigned to patrol the Kansas City area for 3 years and then transferred to Newton where he worked for 9 years. In 1982, Dave transferred to Nemaha County where he served the remainder of his career with the Highway Patrol. On June 15, 1996, he retired from the patrol.

Following his retirement from the Patrol, Dave worked for Nemaha County as an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Recycling Supervisor. Although he enjoyed this work, his heart was still with law enforcement. In 2000 he sought the office of Sheriff, and was successfully elected as Nemaha County Sheriff in November 2000. He began his duties as Sheriff on January 8, 2001. Dave proudly served Nemaha County in this capacity until his untimely passing on January 2, 2006, just a day shy of his 60th birthday.

Throughout his life, Dave held strong values in integrity and hard work. He was dedicated to his profession in law enforcement and to the citizens of Nemaha County. For Dave, law enforcement was not just about the job, but also about teamwork and the family spirit that exists among the people involved in this profession.

Dave enjoyed the patrol work and never missed an opportunity to take the "scenic route" especially if that route involved curves like those on State Highway 9 between Corning and Wetmore. Because Dave and his wife Brenda made their home just north of Wetmore, Dave enjoyed this particular stretch of highway many times on his way to and from work.

Thank you for the opportunity to share a bit of Dave's history. We hope that the dedication of this highway will honor his memory and that his life will be an inspiration to all law enforcement.

Sincerely,

Randy Garber
 62nd District Representative

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