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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2441

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2441 would designate US-75 in Coffey County as the Floyd H. Robinson Memorial Highway Vietnam MIA.

The bill would establish these provisions related to signage:

- Require the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designation;
- Preclude 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
- Allow the Secretary to accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

The bill would amend a statute designating the Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway to remove the Coffey County portion of US-75 from that designation.

Background

The bill was requested by Representative Mast, and she

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testified in support of the bill. A Coffey County commissioner and a representative of the American Legion Department of Kansas also testified in support of the bill. No opponent or neutral testimony was presented.

According to testimony, Sargent Floyd H. Robinson of Burlington, then 20, was declared missing in action in Vietnam in 1969.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Department of Transportation reported the agency would have to receive \$2,340 from donations before installing the signs: \$1,560 for the cost of a set of signs, including installation, and an additional 50 percent, \$780, for future maintenance.