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Kansas House Transportation Committee

Testimony in Support of HB 2103

Clay County Vietnam Veterans Bridge

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present HB 2103.

A few months ago a Clay County resident and Veteran of the Vietnam conflict approached the former District 64 Representative about a way to remember and honor those Clay County residents who served their country during the Vietnam conflict. After some discussion, it was determined that the Republican River bridge south of Clay Center would be an appropriate designation. Thus, House Bill 2103, that is before you today.

This bridge is on Highway 15 and is a major route for north and south traffic both commercial and private. This designation as a way to honor Vietnam Veterans will be seen by many travelers through our area on a daily basis.

There are a number of retired military in Clay County, some who have returned to the area and some who have retired from nearby Fort Riley. Many of those retirees are Vietnam Veterans who will appreciate being honored by these signs which will be placed on the highway on either side of the bridge.

It is understood that the signs will not be placed until sufficient monies have been raised.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2103.

I will be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Rep. Susie Swanson