

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm emailing you in regards to Bill SB5, to establish a portion of HWY 69 in Overland Park, KS to be named after my good friend, 2 LT Justin Lee Sisson.

Justin was one of my oldest childhood friends, and some of my fondest childhood memories are ones with him and his brother Ryan. Whether it was wrestling together in the backyard, playing around with his dog Hunter, or just talking and playing video games together as we got older, Justin was always a role model to me. He cared for me and protected me like his own little sister, with kind words and actions, as he did with basically anyone he met.

Justin exemplified everything it is to be an American hero. His dedication, passion and love for this country, and his ability to make an impact on it via the military, was admirable, at the very least. His ambition to be the best version of himself carried over into every aspect of his life, and onto those around him. His curiosity to understand the totality of his role as a leader, specifically the role of those he was going to be leading someday, is not something every young 20-something is thinking about. His selfless attitude and kind soul made him a role model to many.

I often look at the dedicated portions of highway while driving when I am home in Kansas, and reflect on the family, the soldier to whom it was dedicated to, and what kind of impact they had made in life. I know that driving down the highway and seeing a sign with a familiar name, a name of someone so many admired, would warm my heart, because I know the family, I know Justin, and I know exactly how much he impacted my life, and many more lives in our hometown.

To say that Justin deserves to be honored by a stretch of HWY 69 in his hometown is an understatement. He deserves that, and much, much more for the integrity, honor and passion that he exemplified in every aspect of his life until the day he was laid to rest. I hope this helps bring to life the kind of person 2 LT Justin Lee Sisson was, and how many people would be inspired to live a little better everyday by seeing his name on their daily drive.

Thank you,

Erin Mihanovic