Bill Tucker Memorial Highway and Brigadier General George H Wark Memorial Highway; HB 2615

HB 2615 designates two portions of highway in honor of deceased Kansans.

The Bill Tucker Memorial Highway is a portion of US-56 in Morton County, between County Road 14 and County Road 16. According to testimony, Mr. Tucker was a successful farmer and rancher who was deeply involved in his community, believed in involvement in civic affairs and politics, and owned land on both sides of this portion of US-56.

The Brig Gen George H Wark Memorial Highway is a portion of US-75 in Montgomery County, from its southern junction with US-166 south to the Kansas-Oklahoma border, past Caney. According to testimony, he organized Company D for World War I and the local American Legion Post after the war, received awards for his military service, and is credited with reestablishing the Kansas National Guard. He also practiced law in Caney for many years. The bill removes this portion of US-75 from the Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway; no other portion of the Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway is affected.

The bill requires the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designations once, pursuant to continuing law, sufficient moneys have been received from gifts and donations for the cost of placing such signs, plus an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray costs for future maintenance or replacement of the signs.