

Memorial Highway Designations; HB 2298

HB 2298 designates two portions of highways in honor of deceased Kansans.

The Officer Donald Burton Gamblin Jr Memorial Highway is the portion of I-435 in Johnson County from its junction with Shawnee Mission Parkway north to its junction with Holliday Drive. According to testimony, Officer Gamblin served with the Shawnee Police Department and was a U.S. Army veteran. He was killed by an intoxicated motorist on I-435 during a traffic stop, in July 1991.

The Robert Lessen Memorial Highway is the portion of US-69 in Crawford County from its junction with K-47 in Crawford County to its junction with 650th Avenue. According to testimony, Mr. Lessen was born in Arma, was a U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II and the Korean War, owned and worked in an insurance agency in Arma, and served on the committee working for the improvement and expansion of US-69 throughout the 1960s.

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.