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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2003

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2003 would designate a portion of K-18 highway, from US-81 to the western boundary of Lincoln County, as the Medal of Honor Recipient Donald K. Ross Memorial Highway.

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.

Background

Representative Elaine Bowers had requested introduction of this bill and testified in support of it. Written

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testimony in support of the bill was received from a citizen from Beverly and familiar with the honoree. No neutral or opposition testimony was offered.

According to testimony, Donald Ross was born in Beverly in 1910. He received his Medal of Honor – the first of World War II – for his actions on the battleship *USS Nevada* on December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He retired in July 1956 after 27 years of Navy service and died in 1992.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget says that the Kansas Department of Transportation reported that the agency would have to receive \$2,160 from donations before installing the signs – \$1,440 for the cost of a set of signs including installation and an additional 50 percent, \$720, for future maintenance. Any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of the bill was not included in amounts recommended in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.