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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2273

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2273 would designate a section of K-99 as the Frankfort Boys World War II Memorial Highway. The portion so designated would be from the south city limits of Frankfort north to the junction with US-36.

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.

The bill would amend a statute designating "The Road to Oz" to remove this portion of K-99 from that designation.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Background

The bill was requested by Representative Schwartz, and she testified in favor of the bill. She also read testimony in support of the bill from U.S. Senator Pat Roberts. Frank Benteman, also a World War II veteran, also testified in favor of the bill. No opponents presented testimony.

According to a statement included in an excerpt from the *Congressional Record* and attached to Senator Roberts' testimony, the Frankfort community lost more men in World War II than any other town of similar size. Testimony placed the number at 37.

The House Committee on Transportation made technical amendments to the bill.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Department of Transportation reported the agency would have to receive \$2,850 from donations before installing the signs: \$1,900 for the cost of a set of signs including installation and an additional 50 percent, \$950, for future maintenance.