

SESSION OF 2012

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2509**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2509 would designate a section of K-9 as the David Mee Memorial Highway. The portion so designated would be from the junction of K-9 with US-75 to the junction of K-9 with K-63.

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.

It would remove the Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway designation from this portion of highway.

**Background**

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\*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>

Nemaha County Sheriff's Reserves testified in support of the bill, and written proponent testimony was received from a trooper with the Kansas Highway Patrol. There was no other testimony.

The portion of highway to be so designated is in Nemaha and Jackson counties. According to testimony, Mr. Mee served as a trooper with the Kansas Highway Patrol for 27 years, as the emergency manager in Nemaha County, and then as sheriff of Nemaha County before his death in 2005.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) reported the agency would have to receive \$2,730 from donations before installing the signs: \$1,820 for the cost of a set of signs including installation and an additional 50 percent, \$910, for future maintenance. KDOT estimates the total cost for designing, manufacturing, and installing two additional signs for the Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway would be approximately \$2,980.