

Highway Portions Designated To Honor Kansans; Sub. for HB 2424

Sub. for HB 2424 names various portions of highway in honor of Kansans:

- Representative Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Interchange, at an interchange to be constructed at the junction of K-14 and 16th Road in Rice County, near Alden (Representative Bethell served in the House from 1999 until his death in 2012.);
- Sgt David Enzbrenner Memorial Highway, on K-7 from the north city limits of Atchison to the junction of K-7 with US-36 (Sergeant Enzbrenner, a member of the Atchison Police Department for more than 20 years, was killed in the line of duty in Atchison in December 2011.);
- Pack St Clair Highway, on US-75 near Neodesha, from the southern interchange with US-400 to the northern interchange with US-400 (Mr. St. Clair is the founder of Cobalt Boats in Neodesha, a major employer in the area, and according to testimony is an industry and community leader.); the Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway designation is removed from this portion of US-75;
- Ancient Indian Traders Trail, on K-161 from US-36 north to the Nebraska line, in Cheyenne County (near the route of a trail used as a hunting, trading, and military route by Native Americans and others over a long period of time);
- Harper County Veterans Memorial Highway, on US-160 through Harper County, except for the portion between the intersection with K-14 near Harper and the intersection with K-2 south of Harper (The excluded portion portion of US-160 in Harper County that is excluded from this designation remains the SFC David R. Berry/Sgt WillSun M. Mock Memorial Highway.);
- Bonnie Huy Memorial Highway, on K-96 from I-135 to I-35, in Sedgwick County (Representative Huy served in the House from 2001 through 2006); and
- Bonnie Sharp Memorial Interchange, at the junction of I-635 and Metropolitan Avenue in Wyandotte County (Representative Sharp served in the House from 1996 through 2006.).

The bill establishes three provisions related to the signage for each of these highways and interchanges:

- Requiring the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designations;
- Precluding the signs from being erected until the Secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse 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
- Allowing the Secretary to accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.