

Dear Senator Melcher,

We are writing to ask your support for SB5 which would establish that a portion of Highway 69 in Overland Park, Kansas be named "The Justin Lee Sisson Memorial Highway." As you most likely know, Justin was Killed in Action on June 3, 2013 in Paktia Province, Afghanistan.

We have known the Sisson family for many years and can fully attest that you would be hard pressed to find a finer family. Naming a portion of the highway where Justin grew up would not only be an honor and a tribute to him but a lasting Memorial and comfort to this family.

Coincidentally, our son, Lt. David Rickert served with Justin in the 101st Airborne Division and was a fellow Platoon Leader with Justin on their deployment to Afghanistan. While the same age, Justin was a prior enlisted soldier with a previous deployment and so, as a more experienced Lt., his guidance and support to our son was of value beyond what we can put into words. Often David spoke of Justin as someone he could always count on, lean on and turn to for solid support and guidance. In David's words "there was no better soldier then Justin Sisson".

While the Sisson Family, The Army and in fact the United States of America has lost one of our greatest, SB5 provides a way for the legacy of heroism, patriotism, honor and courage that Justin stood for to live on. We urge you and your colleagues to pass this bill and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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