

January 21, 2015

The Honorable Jeff Melcher
U.S. Senate

Dear Senator Melcher:

I am writing you today in support of Senate Bill No. 5 designating a portion of U.S. 69 as The 2nd Lieutenant Justin Lee Sisson Memorial Highway.

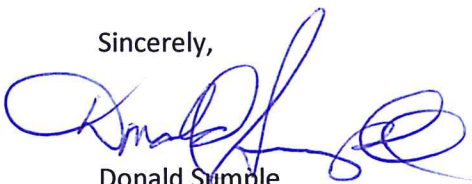
President John F. Kennedy stated, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country". 2nd Lt. Justin Lee Sisson gave his country the most precious commodity he had, "**his life**". There is no bigger sacrifice one could possibly give than giving one's life for the wellbeing of others.

Every now and then, when you meet someone, you get that feeling that the person is special. That happened to me when I first met 2nd Lt. Sisson as a 6th grader. He was well mannered, respectful, intelligent and even at that time had the aspiration to serve his country as a soldier.

I had the privilege of coaching 2nd Lt. Sisson in baseball for four years. Even as a youngster he demonstrated team leadership, a sound work ethic and the ability to pick up his teammates up when they were having a bad game. These attributes carried over to his high school wrestling career at Blue Valley West. They were never more manifested then when 2nd Lt. Sisson was wounded and informed the medics that he was fine and to take care of his men.

Our state and country has adopted false heroes such as professional athletes, actors and actresses, entertainers and rock stars. It is time to send a clear description to the citizens of our state, country and to the youth of America as to what a true hero is. This would certainly be accomplished by designating a portion of U.S. 69 as The 2nd Lt. Justin Lee Sisson Memorial Highway. It will not only honor a true hero but will be a move that just might help fortify the legacy of our state and country well into the future.

Sincerely,



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