

A BILL TO NAME A PORTION OF A KANSAS HIGHWAY FOR
FORMER GOVERNOR JOHN W. CARLIN

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Members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you today to discuss the proposal of having a portion of our Kansas highway system named in honor of former Governor John W. Carlin. I will keep my testimony brief as I am aware of your busy schedule.

I have attached for your review and consideration a document in support of my testimony and request.

It is a long standing tradition for former Kansas governors to have portions of our highways dedicated to recognize the service they have given to the great state of Kansas. As you all know well, public service is often a difficult task. Especially for the governors who lead the state and often have to make difficult decisions.

The location of the highway portion selected is usually located in an area where the Governors have lived, or where they served the state.

Governor Carlin was raised in the Salina area, but has spent a large portion of his life in Manhattan. As the nation's National Archivist, for ten years he was responsible for oversight of all the Presidential Libraries, and was especially involved in the Eisenhower National Library in Abilene, Kansas.

With that history it is suggested that the portion of highway dedicated for Governor Carlin be in one of three areas:

- A portion of Highway I-70 between Abilene and Salina Kansas
- A portion of State highway 18 from the Oden turn-off to I-70
- A portion of Highway 18 from the Ogden I-70 turn-off to Abilene

It is a strong recommendation to the committee that of the three considered locations the portion of Highway I-70 between Abilene and Salina be chosen as it best represents the history of Governor's service to Kansas and as Archivist

I am aware of the costs to the state to render this honor and am willing to assist in obtaining the funds so the state will not bare any expense. I have omitted consideration of the area of Salina as former Governor Bill Graves has such a sign on I-70 in the immediate area. The preferred location of the signage would be the I-70 location. It would best represent his service as Governor and Archivist of the United States.

Thank you for the consideration and I will be willing to address any questions you may have.