

Regarding 2020 SB 377
February 19, 2020
Oral Proponent

The Honorable Mike Petersen
Chairman
Senate Transportation Committee
Capitol, Room 345-S

Chairman Petersen and Committee:

We are writing to urge your support for the passage of 2020 Senate Bill 377, naming a section of Kansas Highway 7 the "Senator Paul 'Bud' Burke Memorial Highway." Former Kansas Senate President Burke gave much of his life in service to our state and nation. Those of us who had the fortune to work with him in this Capitol are all the better for having known him.

Senator Burke was a man of honor, courage and dedication. We hope his leadership skills, demeanor and joyful zest for life will be emulated in the halls of the Legislature by those of us who trace his footsteps under the dome. It is suitable that from time to time you can recognize the talents, efforts and years of public service for one of your own. No one knows better than you that being an elected official occasionally can be a thankless job. SB 377 gives you a chance to "thank" a man who gave decades of his life in the service of Kansans from the very same corridors that you now walk.

We appreciate Senator Julia Lynn, Senator from the 9th District, for her efforts in support of this bill as well as this committee for introducing the bill and scheduling a hearing so we could present our thoughts. Below are the names of just few of Bud's colleagues and friends who took many "trips around the sun" with Bud and wish to show their support for this bill as well. There are countless others who would be listed had we only had time to reach out to them. Thank you for considering our thoughts.

Sincerely,



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