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**The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Transportation
Statehouse, Room 345-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612**

Dear Senator Petersen and Transportation Committee Members:

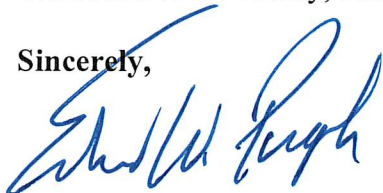
I have learned of the proposed Senate Bill 20 scheduled for a hearing by your committee. The bill if enacted would designate a portion of the United States Highway 69 as Senator Dennis Wilson memorial highway. By this letter, I am respectfully urging the committee to adopt this bill as favorable for passage by the Kansas Senate.

A long time ago, I served in the Kansas House of Representatives and then a couple years later, in the Kansas Senate. On my first day in my first term in the legislature, I met then Representative Dennis Wilson. As I became acquainted with Dennis Wilson over the years, I learned of his background and personal history. He didn't have any college degrees, which he thought he missed. But he really was a self-made man, starting his career in the automobile sales business in a pair of borrowed "wing tips" and a sports coat that did not match his trousers. He made a success in the automobile business, owning several new car dealerships. He was a fervent believer and practitioner of free enterprise. I learned he attributed his success in business and politics to his Christian faith, hard work and American Opportunity.

Dennis Wilson was a man true to his beliefs and a patriotic American and Kansan. Not only did he serve in the Kansas House and Senate, but he also worked in the Republican party, was the County Treasurer of Johnson County and was a proud military veteran. He was consistent and steadfast in his political beliefs. He was constant in his personal life, married to his wife Vicki for 46 years. He was a man of great loyalty who treasured honesty. While he was partisan in his politics, I knew him to be a man who was not capable of lasting rancor or bitterness.

I recommend that this bill be passed, honoring this man's service, not as long-term representative, senator, or county officer, but as a citizen who participated because of his dedication to his county, state, county, and Christian faith. I think he did his duty to all.

Sincerely,



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