

STATE OF KANSAS



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**House Transportation Committee
Written Testimony in Support of HB2799
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HB2799 designates a portion of United States Highway 281 in Russell County as the First Responders Memorial Highway which is located in Kansas Senate District #36.

I am pleased to join Representative Waymaster and citizens and officials from Russell and Russell County as a proponent of HB2799. Our First Responders are often the first medically trained professionals to arrive on the scene of emergencies and accidents. First responders are normally police officers, EMTs, and firefighters. First responders do a demanding job that requires personal sacrifice, bravery, and heroism. I believe these folks are not recognized and acknowledged often enough for their work and renaming this portion of Kansas highway is one way to demonstrate our respect and appreciation for our First Responders.

Thank you again for this opportunity to strongly support HB2799.

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