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CARYN TYSON
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To: House Committee on Transportation
Re: SENATE BILL NO. 410 – TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
From: Senator Caryn Tyson, 12th District
Date: March 7, 2024

Chairman Francis, Vice-Chairman Neely, Ranking Ballard, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill (SB) 410, naming a portion of United States Highway 69 as the Ken W Brock Memorial Highway.

Ken Brock was dedicated, successful, generous, caring, and a leader. Ken was dedicated to his faith, family, friends, and our great state. After graduating from Fort Scott High School in Bourbon County, he proudly served his country in the Kansas Army National Guard. Ken founded Names & Numbers in Pittsburg, Crawford County, and grew the company with his wife, Debbie, to a multi-million dollar company in 18 states and 2 territories in Canada. Ken was an avid pilot who was recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration as a Wright Brothers Master Pilot having flown over 5,000 hours. Ken received many awards and recognition throughout his life, including the Spirit of Pittsburg award in 2011.

Ken was generous with his time and resources. He served on many boards and advisory committees. Ken was a founder and served as Chairman of the Highway 69 Association, working to expand it to four-lane from Kansas City to I-44. Ken's efforts will have a lasting impact on the safety and increased economic opportunities resulting from the improvements to Highway 69.

Designating Highway 69 from Grand Road in Bourbon County to 650th Avenue in Crawford County as the Ken W Brock Memorial Highway is a fitting gesture commemorating a great man.

Will you join me in recognizing Ken Brock's lasting impact on southeast Kansas and those traveling Highway 69 by supporting SB 410?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Caryn Tyson'.

Caryn Tyson