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Chairman Shannon Francis
House Committee on Transportation
Capitol, 300 S.W. 10th Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612

Chairman Francis and Members of the House Committee on Transportation:

I write to you in support of Senate Bill No. 410—an act designating a portion of United States Highway 69 as the Ken W Brock Memorial Highway.

Growing up in Galena, Ken Brock was a pillar of our SEK community and had a profound impact on families and businesses in our region. Ken was a joyful and dedicated person, always putting his family, community, and country ahead of himself.

Ken was a leader when it came to new development in Southeast Kansas. One of his most notable achievements was serving as the chairman of the Highway 69 Association and successfully leading the charge to expand Highway 69 to a four-lane route from Kansas City to Pittsburg.

After nearly seven decades of advocacy and months of bureaucratic delays, the final 11 miles of the Highway 69 four-lane expansion project finally reached Crawford County—ensuring a safer and more accessible route to Southeast Kansas.

I was grateful to have fought alongside Ken as State Senator to ensure this crucial project was completed. It's been an honor to get to know him and his family over the years, and I am thankful for all he has done to better our state and community.

There is no one more deserving of this honor than Ken Brock, and I urge the House Committee on Transportation to support SB 410. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jake LaTurner
Member of Congress