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Chairman Petersen and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation:

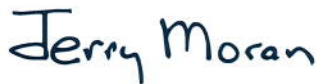
I write to express my support of Senate Bill 410, which would name a portion of United States Highway 69 as Ken W. Brock Memorial Highway.

Ken Brock developed an entrepreneurial spirit at an early age when he saw the need for telephone directories. In 1974, he founded Names and Numbers which he has operated with his wife Debbie throughout the last 50 years. When one thinks of successful entrepreneurs in Pittsburg, Ken Brock is among names like Gene Bicknell, Harvey Dean, and Dick and Kaye Lynne Webb.

Ken was originally from Fort Scott, but Pittsburg was where he chose to establish his business and raise his family. He was a pillar in southeast Kansas striving to make the region a better place to live, operate a business and raise a family. After building his own company, Ken worked to bring other economic opportunities to southeast Kansas, which included working to expand Highway 69 as a four-lane road from Kansas City to Interstate 44 in Oklahoma. For 13 years, he served as the chairman of the Highway 69 Association and advocated for completion of this four-lane freeway. He worked with multiple Governors, transportation secretaries and state legislators on this project as he knew it was an avenue for economic growth and transportation safety for the communities he loved and the friends who lived there.

It has been a pleasure to know Ken and his family and to work with him throughout the years. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation to honor his memory and his dedication to a project he devoted his time and energy in support of.

Sincerely,



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