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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on January 24, 2012, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Sharon Schwartz

Representative Peggy Mast

Robert L. Saueressig, Coffee County Commissioner

Frank Benteman, World War II Veteran

Charles M. Yunker, Adjutant, The American Legion Department of Kansas

Others attending.

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order and asked for bill introductions.

The Chairman recognized Representative Goico who asked the Committee to introduce a bill concerning armored trucks getting a state license instead of city licenses for each city they service. Representative Montgomery made a motion to introduce the bill, seconded by Representative Swanson. The motion carried.

The next request for a bill introduction was from Lindsay Douglas, Chief, Office of Governmental Affairs, KDOT, who requested introduction of a bill to allow designation of a safety corridor along Highway 10. A motion was made by Representative Grant, seconded by Representative Phelps and the motion carried.

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The Chairman clarified to the Committee Members about Representative Phelps' intention to introduce a bill, concerning Chief Warrant Officer Bryan Nichols, as an individual bill rather than a committee bill. Chairman Hayzlett said if there was no objection from the Committee the Minutes of the January 18, 2012 meeting would reflect this change. There was no objection from Committee members so the Minutes of January 18, 2010, will reflect this change.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2273**.

HB 2273 – Designating a portion of K-99 as the Frankfurt Boys World War II highway

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Sharon Schwartz who explained **HB 2273** which would designate a section of K-99 as the Frankfurt Boys World War II Memorial Highway. According to Representative Schwartz (Attachment #1) Frankfort suffered more men killed in action during World War II than any other small town of a similar size. Representative Schwartz discussed the efforts of Frank Benteman, a native of Frankfort, who brought the facts to light about the men who gave their lives for our country. She also asked for a technical amendment to correct the spelling of Frankfort and add the word "Memorial" to the highway designation which should read "Frankfort Boys World War II Memorial Highway."

Representative Schwartz read a letter from Senator Pat Roberts (Attachment #2) to the House Committee on Transportation. Senator Roberts said it was his pleasure to enter the names of the 32 young men who gave their lives in the service of their country into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Senator Roberts also thanked World War II veteran, Frank Benteman, for his unceasing efforts to gain proper recognition for these soldiers and their families.

The Chairman asked Frank Benteman, who was in the audience, if he would like to speak to the Committee. Mr. Benteman showed pictures and articles and talked about the progress of this bill, when it started and how it progressed.

There were no other proponents and no opponents.

Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2273**.

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The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2441**.

HB 2441 – Floyd H. Robinson Memorial Highway

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Peggy Mast. Representative Mast asked the Committee to support **HB 2441** to honor the first Missing In Action veteran from the Vietnam war from Coffey County by designating a portion of US Highway 75 through Coffey County as the Floyd H. Robinson Memorial Highway. (Attachment #3)

The Chairman recognized Robert Saueressig, Coffee County Commissioner. Mr. Saueressig is also a Vietnam veteran. He told the story of Floyd Robinson's capture by the enemy and that he was never seen or heard from again. (Attachment #4) Floyd H. Robinson is the only Coffey County veteran of the Vietnam conflict that remains classified as Missing In Action.

The next proponent was Charles M. Yunker, Adjutant, The American Legion. He said **HB 2441** provides those who knew Floyd H. Robinson an opportunity to pay tribute to one who served and to remind everyone that the fate of some who served is yet unknown. (Attachment #5) Adjutant Yunker added that The American Legion stands in support of the previous bill (**HB 2273**) regarding the Frankfort Boys World War II Memorial.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2441**.

It was the Chairman's desire to work **HB 2273** in the presence of Mr. Benteman so he opened the floor for questions, comments or motions. *Representative Pottorff moved to favorably pass the technical amendment to **HB 2273**, seconded by Representative Arpke. The motion carried.*

*Representative Pottorff then moved to favorably pass **HB 2273, as amended**. The motion was seconded by Representative Swanson and the motion carried.*

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.