

**The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
Statehouse, Room 345-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612**

Regarding: SB 20 - Dennis Wilson

Mr. Chairman, Vice Chairman and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proponent testimony in support of the renaming of a portion of US 69 Highway in Johnson County in honor of the longtime and distinguished public service of Dennis M. Wilson.

My name is Mike Brown and I am a friend of Mr. Wilson, a lifelong Kansan, a businessman and a former Johnson County Commissioner.

Mr. Wilson was indeed a 20+ year close personal friend of mine and I know many in Topeka and across Kansas can say the same. Dennis took his every role with the utmost of seriousness and reverence and taught me much about how to properly address an elected, proper decorum and traditional processes in the political arena. These were lessons I will never forget.

Just as importantly, Dennis accomplished everything he did with flying colors and vigorous tenacity. As an Airman in the United States Air Force, local precinct committeeman, State Representative, State Senator, Assistant State Treasurer and Director of Unclaimed Property, Johnson County Treasurer, State Lottery Director and Johnson County WaterOne Board Member, Dennis succeeded in each and every endeavor exceeding even his own personal high expectations.

Dennis' lifelong commitment to the Great State of Kansas has earned him this recognition and I respectfully ask this Committee move forward Senate Bill 20 to rename a portion of US 69 Highway in Johnson County to the Dennis M. Wilson Memorial Highway at the earliest possible date.