

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2247
RELATING TO DESIGNATING A PORTION OF K-67 HIGHWAY AS THE COII TRENTON J
BRINKMAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, DESIGNATING BRIDGES ON U.S. HIGHWAY 54 AS
THE MAX ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL BRIDGE AND THE JACK TAYLOR MEMORIAL
BRIDGE, DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON U.S. HIGHWAY 77 AS THE PFC LOREN H LARSON
BRIDGE AND DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON U.S. HIGHWAY 166 AS THE TYLER A JUDEN
MEMORIAL BRIDGE**

March 23, 2021

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

My name is Julie Lorenz, and I am Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 2247. While KDOT is supportive of each effort in the bill to honor fallen Kansans, my testimony focuses on Max Zimmerman and Jack Taylor.

I feel fortunate to have known and worked with Max and Jack. They were both long-standing members of KDOT's advocacy organization, Economic Lifelines, and great supporters to KDOT. Both were pillars of their communities, staunch supporters of transportation, and warm friends. They understood that building transportation improvements can take years. I appreciate their abilities to advocate strongly for improvements and be gracious and patient at the same time.

I can think of no better way to honor their commitment to transportation and their legacies than to designate the two bridges on Highway 54 after Max Zimmerman and Jack Taylor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 2247.