MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION POLICIES

Highways – Naming Highways – Commentary

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MEMORIAL HIGHWAYS AND NAMED AREAS (Section 227.299 RSMo, effective 2005)
In an effort to reduce the amount of legislative time required to process the many requests for signage, the legislature enacted RSMo Section 227.299 in 2005 which outlines the conditions and process for naming highways. The statutes charge the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight with the responsibility for approving the requests; MoDOT is charged with the responsibility for receiving the applications and constructing and maintaining the signs; those applying for the sign are charged with the cost thereof. In 2009, the General Assembly approved two additional highway naming programs in memory of (1) individuals killed as a result of a motorists driving while intoxicated (David’s Law) and (2) members of the military killed in active duty after September 11, 2001, in Afghanistan or Iraq (Heroes Way).