

SESSION OF 2012

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2612**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2612 would designate a portion of K-79 (from the junction of K-79 and K-16 to the junction of K-79 and County Road 254) as the Barnes Brothers Memorial Highway.

The bill would establish these provisions related to signage:

- Require the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designation;
- Preclude the signs from being erected until the Secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing the signs and an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement of the signs; and
- Allow the Secretary to accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

**Background**

Representative Trent LeDoux and seven members of the Royal Valley Middle School Barnes Brothers Memorial Highway Committee testified in support of the bill. There was no other testimony.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

According to testimony, Virgil and Jesse Barnes, natives of Circleville, played major league baseball from 1919 to 1929 and from 1915 to 1927, respectively. Both were military veterans. In their subsequent careers, Virgil Barnes became a police officer and Jesse Barnes an artist. Jesse Barnes is a member of the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Department of Transportation reported the agency would have to receive \$2,850 from donations before installing the signs: \$1,880 for the cost of a set of signs, including installation, and an additional 50 percent, \$940, for future maintenance.