

TESTIMONY BEFORE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2203
RELATED TO DESIGNATING A SEGMENT OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 75 AS THE SGT
ELDON K MILLER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) stands neutral on House Bill 2203, which would designate the portion of US-75 from the northern border of Woodson County, at the Kansas-Nebraska border, then south on US-75 to the northern city limit of Yates Center as the SGT Eldon K Miller Memorial Highway.

Under the requirements of the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), required to be followed by KDOT under K.S.A. 8-2003 through 8-2005, biographical titles are not to be used on memorial signs. The only time KDOT uses titles is for members of the military.

In order to maintain compliance with the MUTCD and other federal highway guidelines, KDOT has requested that an amendment is offered that removes the title "SGT" from the bill each time it is used. KDOT understands the family of Mr. Miller was consulted and they were agreeable to have the designation "SGT" removed. The Chairman of this committee has also agreed with this proposed amendment.

Again, KDOT is neutral on HB 2203 if the proposed amendment is offered.