

SGT Gregg Steimel and PFC Richard Conrardy Memorial Highway; SB 256

SB 256 designates a portion of US-50 in Ford County, from the east city limits of Dodge City to 118 Road (near the city of Wright), as the SGT Gregg Steimel and PFC Richard Conrardy Memorial Highway. The bill removes that portion of US-50 (approximately six miles) from designation as the Turkey Wheat Trail Highway.

According to testimony, Sergeant Steimel and Private Conrardy, both from Wright, were killed in combat in July 1970 in Vietnam. For their actions, Sergeant Steimel was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, a Bronze Star, and a National Defense Service Medal, and Private Conrardy was posthumously awarded a Silver Star.

The bill requires the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) to place highway signs along the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate the designation of the SGT Gregg Steimel and PFC Richard Conrardy Memorial Highway once the Secretary has received reimbursement for the cost of placing such signs, plus an additional 50.0 percent for future maintenance or replacement. The Secretary may accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.