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Lt. Governor Kinder Announces Designation of Highways and Bridges to Honor Law Enforcement Officials

JEFFERSON CITY – Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today, while serving as acting governor, signed legislations designating highways and bridges to honor law enforcement officials.

House Bill 1575, sponsored by Rep. Kenny Jones, designates a four-mile portion of State Highway 87 south from the intersection of State Route AA in Moniteau County as the Lance Corporal Leon B. Deraps Memorial Highway.

“Lance Corporal Leon Deraps embodied all of the best qualities we look for in our service men and women. He was a dedicated patriot who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedoms. By naming this span of Highway 87 after this fallen soldier we honor his memory and remind his family and friends, and everyone who passes through this area, that his service to this nation will not be forgotten. I thank Governor Blunt and Lt. Governor Kinder for making this possible and for all of their support in honoring the brave men and women who have so proudly served in our armed forces.”

House Bill 1887, sponsored by Rep. Michael Parson, designates a portion of State Highway 13 from the intersection of State Highway 83 to the intersection of State Route Y in Polk County as the Rick Seiner Memorial Highway.

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“We lost a great Missourian when Rick Seiner was taken from us three years ago. His years of service as an emergency medical technician led to countless lives being saved but that service also put him in harm’s way and ultimately cost him his own life. We will never forget that sacrifice and by dedicating a section of Highway 13 in his memory we create a lasting tribute to a man who did so much for the people of Bolivar and the surrounding areas. Governor Blunt and Lt. Governor Kinder have helped make this possible and I give them my sincerest thanks for all their support in creating this memorial highway.”

House Bill 1952, sponsored by Rep. Tom Loehner, designates the bridge over the Gasconade River on U.S. Highway 63 in Maries County as the Roy Bassett Memorial Bridge.

“I greatly appreciate the support of both Governor Blunt and Lt. Governor Kinder as we are able to sign this bill into law. With this we honor the memory of a man who provided a decade of service to Maries County. For Sheriff Bassett’s wife, family and colleagues it will create a fitting and lasting memorial to honor a fallen husband, father and friend. For those who did not know him, it will raise awareness of one of the many dedicated members of our law enforcement community who gave his life in the line of duty.”

House Bill 2360, sponsored by Rep. Jim Guest, designates one-mile portion of State Highway 169 south from the city limits of King City in Gentry County as the Mo. Hwy. Patrol Corporal Henry C. Bruns Memorial Highway.

"I would like to thank both Governor Blunt and Lt. Governor Kinder for authorizing this legislation that will create a permanent memorial to one of our finest Missourians. Missouri Highway Patrol Corporal Henry C. Bruns was admired by everyone who knew him and it was a devastating loss to both his family and our entire area when he was taken from us in 1987. We will always remember his commitment to duty and the pride he took in being a fair and just member of the law enforcement community.”

In addition to the legislation Lt. Gov. Kinder signed today, he also recognized legislation designating a bridge on State Highway 39 at Table Rock in Shell Knob as the State Senator Larry Gene Taylor Memorial Bridge, a portion of Interstate 55 in Jefferson County Jeff McBride Memorial Highway, and a portion of Interstate 44 in St. Louis County as the Police Officer Robert Stanze Memorial Highway.

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