

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

L. P. "Pete" Gilvin, a lifetime Amarillo businessman and philanthropist, gave his time and money to support this state. Gilvin was the chairman of the board of Gilvin-Terrill Inc. and a major contractor for road and highway building in Amarillo since the 1920s. He served as the president of both the National Associated General Contractors of America and the Texas Highway Heavy Branch Associated General Contractors of America. Gilvin was instrumental in the creation of a state park in Palo Duro Canyon and was appointed chairman of the Parks and Wildlife Commission in 1968 by Governor John Connally. He was a contributor to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, the Don D. Harrington Discovery Center, and the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

For Pete Gilvin, though, being a success in business and giving of himself to his community was not enough. Gilvin was a longtime patron of the arts and raised money for many of the artistic productions in Amarillo. He was a board member of the Lone Star Ballet and the Amarillo Art Center and supported the Amarillo Symphony, the Amarillo Museum of Art, the Amarillo Opera Inc., and the public broadcasting station at Amarillo College. He helped develop "Texas," arguably the best outdoor theater production in the country. In 1976, Gilvin received the Texas Art Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Arts by an Individual. He and his wife twice received the Golden Nail Award from the Arts Committee of the Board of Convention and Visitors Activities in recognition of their support of the arts. And in 1993, the National Association of Fund Raising Executives named Mr. and Mrs. Gilvin Philanthropists of the Year.

L. P. "Pete" Gilvin led an exemplary life of dedication to his fellow man, and passed away in 1997. He will be remembered and honored by his friends, beneficiaries, and admirers. H.B. 3076 designates the portion of US Highway 287 in Amarillo as the L. P. "Pete" Gilvin Memorial Highway.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 225B, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.046, as follows:

Sec 225.046. L.P. "Pete" GILVIN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. Provides that the portion of Business United States Highway 287 in the municipal boundaries of Amarillo is designated as the L.P. "Pete" Gilvin Memorial Highway. Requires the Department of Transportation to design and construct memorial markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the L.P. "Pete" Gilvin Memorial Highway, and any other appropriate information. Requires the department to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway. Provides that in this section, a reference to the municipal boundaries of Amarillo means those boundaries as they exist on May, 1, 2001.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.