

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Trooper Kurt David Knapp was killed while on duty in May 2004, in an automobile accident on Interstate Highway 10 near Comfort in Kendall County. Twenty-eight years old at the time of his death, Trooper Knapp was raised in Kerrville, graduated from Tivy High School, and received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Southwest Texas State University.

He joined DPS in October 1998, graduated from the training academy in April 1999, and was promoted to the rank of Trooper II in April 2003. His first duty station was Ozona, and he was transferred to Fredericksburg in June 2003. He received several commendations during his career. He was survived by his wife, daughter, and son.

H.B. 591 amends current law relating to naming a segment of Interstate Highway 10 in Kendall County the Trooper Kurt David Knapp 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 Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.083, as follows:

Sec. 225.083. TROOPER KURT DAVID KNAPP MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of Interstate Highway 10 in Kendall County beginning with mile marker 522 and ending at mile marker 535 is designated as the Trooper Kurt David Knapp Memorial Highway.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to the provision providing that TxDOT is not required to design, construct, or erect a marker unless a grant or donation is given for that purpose), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Trooper Kurt David Knapp Memorial Highway, and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.