

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Irvin "Butch" Hill was born and raised in Seagraves, Texas, and graduated from Seagraves High School, where he participated in many different activities.

Butch attended Texas Tech University for two years before joining the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, serving as a member of the Fifth Marines of the 1st Division.

In January 1969, Lance Corporal Hill was reported killed in action while on patrol.

Mr. Hill received a Purple Heart and his body was returned to his hometown of Seagraves. Standing room only funeral services were held in the high school auditorium where he spent his youth. He was buried with full military honors and was the only Seagraves casualty of the Vietnam War.

For his sacrifice, a portion of U.S. Highway 385 will be dedicated to Lance Corporal Irvin "Butch" Hill.

H.B. 2331 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 385 in Seagraves as the Irvin "Butch" Hill 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 225.152, as follows:

Sec. 225.152. IRVIN "BUTCH" HILL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of U.S. Highway 385 South between the southern municipal limit of Seagraves and Gaines County Park is designated as the Irvin "Butch" Hill Memorial Highway.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to prohibiting TxDOT from designing, constructing, or erecting a marker unless a grant or donation of funds is made to cover the cost), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Irvin "Butch" Hill 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, 2019.