

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 23  
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Transportation  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Interested parties seek to honor Officer Rodney T. Holder for his life of service by designating State Loop 322 in Taylor County between its intersection with U.S. Highway 84 and its intersection with Interstate Highway 20 as the "Officer Rodney T. Holder Memorial Highway."

Officer Rodney T. Holder served his country in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division and upon receiving an honorable discharge he returned to Abilene and served the Abilene Police Department for 28 years. Officer Holder's life was cut tragically short on April 29, 2010, while attempting to make a traffic stop. The "Officer Rodney T. Holder Memorial Highway" designation will serve as a reminder of the great sacrifices all of our first responders and their families make to keep our city safe.

H.B. 23 amends current law relating to the designation of State Highway Loop 322 in Taylor County as the Officer Rodney T. Holder 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. OFFICER RODNEY T. HOLDER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that State Highway Loop 322 in Taylor County between its intersection with U.S. Highway 84 and its intersection with Interstate Highway 20 is designated as the Officer Rodney T. Holder Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(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 highway number, the designation as the Officer Rodney T. Holder 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.