

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Officer David Sherrard faithfully served for 13 years as a peace officer for the Richardson Police Department, 10 of those years serving on the SWAT Team. He was tragically killed on February 7, 2018, while responding to a disturbance call within the City of Richardson.

H.B. 540 seeks to memorialize the life and legacy of Officer David Sherrard by authorizing portions of U.S. Highway 75 to be designated as the "Officer David Sherrard Memorial Highway" along the corridor within the City of Richardson—just south of the President George Bush Turnpike (State Highway 190) and north of the Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway (Interstate 635).

H.B. 540 amends current law relating to the designation of U.S. Highway 75 in Richardson as the Officer David Sherrard 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 DAVID SHERRARD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of U.S. Highway 75 in Richardson is designated as the Officer David Sherrard 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 Officer David Sherrard 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: September 1, 2019.