

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3837
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Corporal Jason K. LaFleur, 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division of the United States Army, lost his life at the age of 28 when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device during combat operations near Hawr Rajab, Iraq. A decorated member of the United States Army, Cpl. LaFleur was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his actions on August 4, 2010. H.B. 3837 would designate a portion of U.S. Highway 183 near Lockhart as the Cpl. Jason K. LaFleur Memorial Highway to recognize and honor the memory of a young man who valiantly served his country.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3837 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of U.S. Highway 183 from State Highway 71 to the southern municipal boundary of Lockhart as the Cpl. Jason K. LaFleur Memorial Highway and specifies that a reference in the bill to the municipal boundary of Lockhart means that boundary as it exists on September 1, 2011. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to the availability of a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Cpl. Jason K. LaFleur Memorial Highway, and any other appropriate information, and erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2011.