

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 527
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Committee Report (Substituted)

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Christopher Scott Kyle was a United States Navy SEAL who served four tours in the Iraq war and was awarded two Silver Stars, five Bronze Stars, one Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and numerous other unit and personal awards.

Chad Hutson Littlefield and Chris Kyle, trying to assist Eddie Ray Routh in his battle against post-traumatic stress disorder, accompanied the veteran to a shooting range. The two were shot and killed on February 2, 2013.

C.S.S.B. 527 commemorates these men and their honorable service to their country, and to the countless veterans they helped, by naming a segment of U.S. Highway 287 as the Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield Memorial Highway.

C.S.S.B. 527 amends current law relating to the designation of a segment of U.S. Highway 287 in Midlothian as the Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield 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 225.102, as follows:

Sec. 225.102. CHRIS KYLE AND CHAD LITTLEFIELD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that, notwithstanding Section 225.001(c) (relating to restrictions on naming part of a highway system), the portion of U.S. Highway 287 in Midlothian between its intersection with Rex Odom Drive and its intersection with Kimble Road is designated as the Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to Section 225.021(c), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield 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, 2015.