

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1221
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Defense & Veterans' Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that Texan Johnnie David Hutchins sacrificed his own life for others and his country during his overseas service in World War II. In an effort to honor his service and recognize the ultimate sacrifice he made in service of our nation, H.B. 1221 seeks to designate a portion of a highway in Texas as the Johnnie David Hutchins Memorial Highway.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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. 1221 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of U.S. Highway 90 Alternate in Wharton County as the Johnnie David Hutchins Memorial Highway. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Johnnie David Hutchins Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information and to 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, 2017.