BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

State law currently allows the legislature to assign a memorial to a portion of the highway system. Trooper Jerry Don Davis was shot and killed in the line of duty while serving in Slaton, Texas, on October 5, 1980.

S.B. 575 seeks to publicly honor his life and service by designating a portion of the highway in Lubbock County as a memorial to Trooper Davis.

S.B. 575 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of United States Highway 84 between the northern municipal limits of Slaton and County Road 3600 as the Trooper Jerry Don Davis 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 Trooper Jerry Don Davis 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.

As proposed, S.B. 575 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 84 in Lubbock County as the Trooper Jerry Don Davis 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 255, Transportation Code, by adding Section 255.152, as follows:

Sec. 255.152. TROOPER JERRY DON DAVIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Designates the portion of U.S. Highway 84 in Lubbock County between the northern municipal limits of Slaton and County Road 3600 as the Trooper Jerry Don Davis Memorial Highway.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to prohibiting TxDOT from designating, constructing, or erecting a marker unless a grant or donation of funds is made to cover the cost), to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Jerry Don Davis 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.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.