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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2083 |
| By: Landgraf |
| Defense & Veterans' Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** Two distinguished West Texas veterans, Mac Wilson and Rex Young, made the ultimate sacrifice during their service in Vietnam. Both men were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by then U.S. President Richard Nixon. H.B. 2083 seeks to further honor the service and sacrifice of these men by designating a portion of Business Interstate Highway 20-E in Ector County as the Mac Wilson and Rex Young Medal of Honor 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. 2083 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of Business Interstate Highway 20-E in Ector County between its eastern intersection with State Highway Loop 338 and its intersection with the Ector-Midland County Line as the Mac Wilson and Rex Young Medal of Honor Highway. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to do the following:* design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Mac Wilson and Rex Young Medal of Honor Highway and any other appropriate information; and
* erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.
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| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2023. |