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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Martha Pattillo Siv was born and raised in Pampa, Texas. Graduating as valedictorian of her high school class, she went on to be a Plan II graduate of The University of Texas at Austin. After earning her master's degree shortly after, she embarked on a career in which she traveled the world on behalf of the United Nations, where she ended up developing library and information services at several United Nations agencies. Mrs. Siv traveled the world with her husband Sichan, who was an Ambassador to the United Nations under President George W. Bush.

S.B. 2151 seeks to commemorate Mrs. Siv's contribution to not just her community and her state, but the world, by designating the portion of U.S. Highway 60 between its intersection with Business Interstate Highway 40 and Carson County as the Martha Patillo Siv Memorial Parkway, and instructs the Texas Department of Transportation to construct markers indicating the designation at each end of the parkway. These highway signs are privately paid for.

As proposed, S.B. 2151 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 60 as the Martha Pattillo Siv Memorial Parkway.

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 225.217, as follows:

Sec. 225.217. MARTHA PATTILLO SIV MEMORIAL PARKWAY. (a) Designates the portion of U.S. Highway 60 between the mile marker closest to a point two miles east of the highway's intersection with Business Interstate Highway 40 and the mile marker closest to the eastern boundary of Carson County as the Martha Pattillo Siv Memorial Parkway.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to prohibiting TxDOT from designing, constructing, or erecting a marker unless a grant or donation of funds is made to cover the cost), to:

- (1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Martha Pattillo Siv Memorial Parkway and any other appropriate information; and
- (2) erect a marker at each end of the parkway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the parkway.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2023.