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102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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AN ACT

To repeal sections 9.138, 226.1150, 227.297, and 227.299, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty new sections relating to state designations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 9.138, 226.1150, 227.297, and
2 227.299, RSMo, are repealed and twenty new sections enacted in
3 lieu thereof, to be known as sections 9.138, 9.368, 9.369,
4 9.371, 9.372, 9.373, 9.374, 9.377, 9.378, 9.379, 9.387, 10.246,
5 10.247, 226.1150, 226.1160, 227.296, 227.297, 227.299, 227.822,
6 and 227.834, to read as follows:

9.138. The governor shall annually issue a
2 proclamation setting apart the first week of March as
3 ["Math, Engineering, Technology and Science (METS) Week"]
4 "Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Week",
5 and recommending to the people of the state that the week be
6 appropriately observed through activities that will result
7 in an increased awareness of the importance of advancing
8 community interest in [math, engineering, technology, and
9 science] **science, technology, engineering, and math**
10 programs, and promote [METS] **STEM** careers statewide in order
11 to advance Missouri's workforce. The proclamation shall
12 also recommend that the week be observed with appropriate

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

13 activities in public schools. Public and private
14 involvement in [METS] STEM week demonstrates that fostering
15 and encouraging interest in the sciences is a major factor
16 in determining growth and success in school and will help
17 students develop a focus on technology-based careers after
18 graduation.

9.368. The month of January each year shall be known
2 as "State Legislator Remembrance Month" in memory of all
3 state legislators who died while in office. Citizens of
4 this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate
5 events and activities to recognize those who lost their life
6 while serving in the general assembly.

9.369. June twelfth of each year is hereby designated
2 as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day". Citizens of this
3 state are encouraged to engage in appropriate events and
4 activities to recognize and address disparities in care,
5 recognition, and benefits that our women veterans receive;
6 to highlight the growing presence of women in the Armed
7 Forces and the National Guard; and to pay respect to women
8 veterans for their dutiful military service.

9.371. The first Saturday of October of each year is
2 hereby designated as "Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in
3 Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to
4 participate in appropriate events and activities to raise
5 awareness and celebrate survivors of breast cancer, the most
6 commonly occurring cancer among women in the United States.

9.372. The third Saturday of October of each year is
2 hereby designated as "Domestic Violence Awareness Day" in
3 Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to
4 participate in appropriate events and activities to bring
5 awareness to domestic violence and its impacts on

6 individuals regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion,
7 or socioeconomic status.

9.373. January sixteenth each year is hereby
2 designated as "Albert Pujols Day" in Missouri. The citizens
3 of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate
4 events and activities to celebrate the legendary St. Louis
5 Cardinals first baseman who retired in 2022 with more than
6 three thousand career hits and more than seven hundred
7 career home runs.

9.374. May third each year is hereby designated as
2 "Shelley v. Kraemer Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this
3 state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events
4 and activities to recognize the historical impact of the
5 United States Supreme Court case originating in St. Louis
6 that held racially restrictive covenants in residential
7 neighborhoods are not enforceable in state court.

9.377. November twenty-third each year is hereby
2 designated as "K.C. Wolf Day" in Missouri. The citizens of
3 this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate
4 events and activities to celebrate the mascot of the Kansas
5 City Chiefs football team.

9.378. March nineteenth is hereby designated as "Lloyd
2 Gaines Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are
3 encouraged to participate in appropriate events and
4 activities to remember Gaines and his important role in the
5 early twentieth century civil rights movement. Gaines was
6 denied admission to the University of Missouri School of Law
7 and won his court case requiring the state to admit him or
8 establish a second law school for black students. The state
9 opted to establish a second law school, but Gaines went
10 missing before he could enroll.

9.379. The month of May is hereby designated as "Asian
2 and Pacific Islander Heritage Month" in Missouri. The
3 citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in
4 appropriate events and activities to recognize the
5 generations of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans who have
6 positively influenced and enriched our state and society.

9.387. April sixteenth of each year is hereby
2 designated as "Baker Service Appreciation Day". The
3 citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in
4 appropriate events and activities to honor the memories of
5 David and Brian Baker and their lives of service to others.

10.246. The Hawken rifle, a muzzle-loading rifle first
2 manufactured in St. Louis and widely used by fur trappers,
3 traders, and explorers in the early to mid-nineteenth
4 century, is selected for and shall be known as the official
5 state rifle of the state of Missouri.

10.247. The city of Piedmont and the county of Wayne
2 are hereby selected for and shall be known as the "UFO
3 Capitals of Missouri". Hundreds of UFO sightings occurred
4 in Piedmont and Wayne County, Missouri, between February and
5 April 1973. These incidents were part of a large pattern of
6 UFO sightings throughout the United States in 1973.

226.1150. The counties located along the Missouri
2 River that were greatly influenced by early German settlers
3 including Boone, Chariton, Saline, Lafayette, Cooper,
4 Howard, Moniteau, Cole, Callaway, Osage, Gasconade,
5 Montgomery, Warren, Franklin, St. Charles, [and] St. Louis,
6 and Perry, and the City of St. Louis, shall be designated
7 the "German Heritage Corridor of Missouri". The department
8 of transportation may place suitable markings and
9 informational signs in the designated areas. Costs for such
10 designation shall be paid by private donations.

226.1160. The region of southeast Missouri that
2 includes the South County area of St. Louis county and the
3 counties of Jefferson, Franklin, Crawford, Dent, Shannon,
4 Oregon, Ste. Genevieve, Washington, St. Francois, Madison,
5 Iron, Perry, Wayne, Reynolds, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau,
6 Scott, Mississippi, Stoddard, Ripley, Butler, Carter, New
7 Madrid, Pemiscot, and Dunklin shall be designated the "Stars
8 and Stripes Historic Region of Missouri". The department of
9 transportation may place suitable markings and informational
10 signs in the designated areas. Costs for such designation
11 shall be paid by private donation.

227.296. 1. This section shall be known as the "FA
2 Paul Akers Jr and LCPL Jared Schmitz Memorial Sign Funding
3 Act".

4 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
5 contrary, beginning August 28, 2023, for designations on the
6 state highway system honoring members of the Armed Forces
7 killed in the line of duty, members of the Armed Forces who
8 are missing in action, Missouri recipients of the medal of
9 honor, emergency personnel killed while performing duties
10 relating to their employment, or state employees killed
11 while serving the state, no fees shall be assessed and all
12 costs associated with such designations shall be funded by
13 the department of transportation.

227.297. 1. This section establishes a designation
2 program, to be known as the "Heroes Way Designation
3 Program", to honor the fallen Missouri heroes who have been
4 killed in action while performing active military duty with
5 the Armed Forces. The signs shall be placed upon interstate
6 or state-numbered highway interchanges or upon bridges or
7 segments of highway on the state highway system in
8 accordance with this section, and any applicable federal and

9 state limitations or conditions on highway signage,
10 including location and spacing.

11 2. Any person who is related by marriage, adoption, or
12 consanguinity within the second degree to a member of the
13 United States Armed Forces who was killed in action while
14 performing active military duty with the Armed Forces, and
15 who was a resident of this state at the time he or she was
16 killed in action, may apply for a designation under the
17 provisions of this section.

18 3. Any person described under subsection 2 of this
19 section who desires to have an interstate or state-numbered
20 highway interchange or bridge or segment of highway on the
21 state highway system designated after his or her family
22 member shall petition the department of transportation by
23 submitting the following:

24 (1) An application in a form prescribed by the
25 director, describing the interstate or state-numbered
26 highway interchange or bridge or segment of highway on the
27 state highway system for which the designation is sought and
28 the proposed name of the interchange, bridge or relevant
29 segment of highway. The application shall include the name
30 of at least one current member of the general assembly who
31 will sponsor the designation. The application may contain
32 written testimony for support of the designation;

33 (2) Proof that the family member killed in action was
34 a member of the United States Armed Forces and proof that
35 such family member was in fact killed in action while
36 performing active military duty with the United States Armed
37 Forces. Acceptable proof shall be a statement from the
38 Missouri veterans commission or the United States Department
39 of Veterans Affairs so certifying such facts; **and**

40 (3) By signing a form provided by the Missouri
41 transportation department, the applicant shall certify that
42 the applicant is related by marriage, adoption, or
43 consanguinity within the second degree to the member of the
44 United States Armed Forces who was killed in action[; and

45 (4) A fee to be determined by the commission to cover
46 the costs of constructing and maintaining the proposed
47 interchange, bridge, or highway signs. The fee shall not
48 exceed the cost of constructing and maintaining each sign.

49 4. All moneys received by the department of
50 transportation for the construction and maintenance of
51 interchange, bridge, or highway signs shall be deposited in
52 the state treasury to the credit of the state road fund].

53 [5.] 4. The documents [and fees] required under this
54 section shall be submitted to the department of
55 transportation.

56 [6.] 5. The department of transportation shall submit
57 for approval or disapproval all applications for
58 designations to the joint committee on transportation
59 oversight. The joint committee on transportation oversight
60 may review such applications at any scheduled meeting
61 convened pursuant to section 21.795. If satisfied with the
62 application and all its contents, the committee shall
63 approve the application. The committee shall notify the
64 department of transportation upon the approval or denial of
65 an application for a designation.

66 [7.] 6. The department of transportation shall give
67 notice of any proposed designation under this section in a
68 manner reasonably calculated to advise the public of such
69 proposal. Reasonable notice shall include posting the
70 proposal for the designation on the department's official
71 public website and making available copies of the sign

72 designation application to any representative of the news
73 media or public upon request and posting the application on
74 a bulletin board or other prominent public place which is
75 easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for
76 that purpose at the principal office.

77 [8. If the memorial designation request is not
78 approved by the joint committee on transportation oversight,
79 ninety-seven percent of the application fee shall be
80 refunded to the applicant.

81 [9.] 7. Two signs shall be erected for each
82 interchange, bridge, or highway designation processed under
83 this section.

84 [10.] 8. No interchange, bridge, or highway may be
85 named or designated after more than one member of the United
86 States Armed Forces killed in action. Such person shall
87 only be eligible for one interchange, bridge, or highway
88 designation under the provisions of this section.

89 [11.] 9. Any highway signs erected for any designation
90 under the provisions of this section shall be erected and
91 maintained for a twenty-year period. After such period, the
92 signs shall be subject to removal by the department of
93 transportation and the interchange, bridge, or highway may
94 be designated to honor persons other than the current
95 designee. An existing designation processed under the
96 provisions of this section may be retained for additional
97 twenty-year increments if, at least one year before the
98 designation's expiration, an application to the department
99 of transportation is made to retain the designation along
100 with the [required] documents [and all applicable fees]
101 required under this section.

227.299. 1. Except as provided in subsection 7 of
2 this section, an organization or person that seeks a bridge

3 or highway designation on the state highway system to honor
4 an event, place, organization, or person who has been
5 deceased for more than two years shall petition the
6 department of transportation by submitting the following:

7 (1) An application in a form prescribed by the
8 director, describing the bridge or segment of highway for
9 which designation is sought and the proposed name of the
10 bridge or relevant portion of highway. The application
11 shall include the name of at least one current member of the
12 general assembly who will sponsor the bridge or highway
13 designation. The application may contain written testimony
14 for support of the bridge or highway designation;

15 (2) A list of at least one hundred signatures of
16 individuals who support the naming of the bridge or highway;
17 and

18 (3) A fee to be determined by the commission to cover
19 the costs of constructing and maintaining the proposed
20 signs. The fee shall not exceed the cost of constructing
21 and maintaining each sign.

22 2. All moneys received by the department of
23 transportation for the construction and maintenance of
24 bridge or highway signs on the state highway system shall be
25 deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state
26 road fund.

27 3. The documents and fees required under this section
28 shall be submitted to the department of transportation no
29 later than November first prior to the next regular session
30 of the general assembly to be approved or denied by the
31 joint committee on transportation oversight during such
32 legislative session.

33 4. The department of transportation shall give notice
34 of any proposed bridge or highway designation on the state

35 highway system in a manner reasonably calculated to advise
36 the public of such proposal. Reasonable notice shall
37 include posting the proposal for the designation on the
38 department's official public website, and making available
39 copies of the sign designation application to any
40 representative of the news media or public upon request and
41 posting the application on a bulletin board or other
42 prominent public place which is easily accessible to the
43 public and clearly designated for that purpose at the
44 principal office.

45 5. If the memorial highway designation requested by
46 the organization is not approved by the joint committee on
47 transportation oversight, ninety-seven percent of the
48 application fee shall be refunded to the requesting
49 organization.

50 6. Two highway signs shall be erected for each bridge
51 and highway designation on the state highway system
52 processed under this section. When a named section of a
53 highway crosses two or more county lines, consideration
54 shall be given by the department of transportation to allow
55 additional signage at the county lines or major
56 intersections.

57 7. [(1)] Highway or bridge designations on the state
58 highway system honoring fallen law enforcement officers,
59 members of the Armed Forces killed in the line of duty,
60 Missouri recipients of the medal of honor, emergency
61 personnel killed while performing duties relating to their
62 employment, or state employees killed while serving the
63 state shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

64 [(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
65 contrary, beginning August 28, 2021, for designations
66 honoring Missouri medal of honor recipients, no fees shall

67 be assessed and all costs associated with such designations
68 shall be funded by the department of transportation.]

69 8. No bridge or portion of a highway on the state
70 highway system may be named or designated after more than
71 one event, place, organization, or person. Each event,
72 place, organization, or person shall only be eligible for
73 one bridge or highway designation.

74 9. Any highway signs erected for any bridge or highway
75 designation on the state highway system under the provisions
76 of this section shall be erected and maintained for a twenty-
77 year period. After such period, the signs shall be subject
78 to removal by the department of transportation and the
79 bridge or highway may be designated to honor events, places,
80 organizations, or persons other than the current designee.
81 An existing highway or bridge designation processed under
82 the provisions of this section may be retained for
83 additional twenty-year increments if, at least one year
84 before the designation's expiration, an application to the
85 department of transportation is made to retain the
86 designation along with the required documents and all
87 applicable fees required under this section.

88 10. For persons honored with designations on the state
89 highway system under this chapter after August 28, 2021, the
90 department of transportation shall post a link on its
91 website to biographical information of such persons.

92 11. The provisions of this section shall apply to
93 bridge or highway designations sought after August 28, 2006.

**227.822. The Missouri portion of the new bridge
2 (Chester Bridge) on State Highway 51 crossing over the
3 Mississippi River in Perry County to the Missouri/Illinois
4 state line shall be designated the "Don Welge Memorial
5 Bridge". The Missouri department of transportation shall**

6 collaborate with the Illinois department of transportation
7 in designating, erecting, and maintaining appropriate signs
8 designating each state's portion of the bridge, with the
9 costs to be paid by private donations.

227.834. The portion of Interstate 64 from the
2 Interstate 64 ramp to Interstate 270 continuing east to
3 Spoeede Road in St. Louis County shall be designated the
4 "Major Lee Berra Memorial Highway". The department of
5 transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs
6 designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by
7 private donations.

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