

SENATE BILL NO. 268

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY IN GALLATIN COUNTY; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL SIGNS AT THE LOCATION AND TO INCLUDE THE HIGHWAY ON THE NEXT UPDATE AND PUBLICATION OF THE STATE MAPS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

WHEREAS, numerous states have designated stretches of U.S. Highway 20 as a memorial to recipients of the Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 20 spans Gallatin County from the Targhee pass to the Wyoming border within Yellowstone National Park; and

WHEREAS, eight Montanans have earned the Medal of Honor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Montana medal of honor highway. (1) There is established the Montana medal of honor highway on the existing U.S. highway 20 within the state boundaries.

(2) The department shall design and install appropriate signs marking the location of the Montana medal of honor highway at the Targhee pass and at the boundary of Yellowstone national park. ~~The signs must display the message "remember those who serve" and state the names of the Montanans who have earned the medal of honor. These Montanans are William Galt, John McLennon, John Moran, Laverne Parrish, Leo Powers, Donald Ruhl, Henry Schauer, and Cornelius Smith.~~

(3) (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN AND INSTALL A MEMORIAL PLAQUE AT A LOCATION ALONG THE MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY WITH THE NAMES OF THE MONTANANS WHO HAVE EARNED RECEIVED THE MEDAL OF HONOR. THESE MONTANANS ARE TRAVIS ATKINS, WILLIAM GALT, JOHN MCLENNON, JOHN MORAN, LAVERNE PARRISH, LEO POWERS, DONALD RUHL, HENRY SCHAUER, AND CORNELIUS SMITH.

(B) THE LEGISLATURE INTENDS THAT THE NAMES OF FUTURE MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS BE ADDED TO THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

~~(3)~~(4) Maps that identify roadways in Montana must be updated to include the location of the Montana

1 medal of honor highway when the department updates and publishes the state maps.

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
4 integral part of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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6 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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