



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 766

February 23, 2010 - Introduced by Representatives STEINBRINK, BARCA and KERKMAN, cosponsored by Senator WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to create** 84.10215 of the statutes; **relating to:** designating and marking
2 a portion of STH 50 in Kenosha County as the LeRoy and Lynn Copen Memorial
3 Highway.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, certain highway routes and bridges have been designated and marked to memorialize, commemorate, or recognize certain individuals, groups, or events. This bill directs the Department of Transportation to designate and, upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, mark a portion of the route of STH 50 in Kenosha County as the "LeRoy and Lynn Copen Memorial Highway" in recognition and appreciation of: their legacy of community service; Lee's distinguished and outstanding service as a 25-year veteran of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department; Lynn's nationally recognized and invaluable advocacy as the Victim/Witness Coordinator for the Kenosha County District Attorney's office and as a volunteer in the community; and Lee and Lynn Copen's shared dedication to justice. No state funds, other than from contributions from interested parties, may be used for the erection or maintenance of any markers on STH 50 to identify the highway as the "LeRoy and Lynn Copen Memorial Highway."

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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SECTION 1

1 **SECTION 1.** 84.10215 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **84.10215 LeRoy and Lynn Copen Memorial Highway.** (1) The
3 department shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark the route of STH 50 from
4 60th Avenue to 70th Avenue in Kenosha County as the “LeRoy and Lynn Copen
5 Memorial Highway” in recognition and appreciation of: their legacy of community
6 service; Lee’s distinguished and outstanding service as a 25-year veteran of the
7 Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department; Lynn’s nationally recognized and invaluable
8 advocacy as the Victim/Witness Coordinator for the Kenosha County District
9 Attorney’s office and as a volunteer in the community; and Lee and Lynn Copen’s
10 shared dedication to justice.

11 (2) Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including
12 any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining
13 markers along the route specified in sub. (1) to clearly identify to motorists the
14 designation of the route as the “LeRoy and Lynn Copen Memorial Highway,” the
15 department shall erect and maintain the markers. No state funds, other than from
16 the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the erection
17 or maintenance of the markers.

18 **(END)**