HOUSE BILL No. 2499

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT establishing the memorial war on terrorism bridge program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) The secretary of transportation is hereby authorized to establish the memorial war on terrorism bridge program. The secretary of transportation shall establish by rules and regulations a procedure for designating bridges on the state highway system for Kansas members of the United States military or members of the Kansas army or air national guard who have or will give their lives fighting in the war on terrorism. Such rules and regulations shall include criteria, guidelines and procedures by which the local communities in the county of the Kansas military person to be honored may submit a bridge to be named in honor of such Kansas military person.

- (b) The secretary of transportation shall place signs indicating that the bridge is named in honor of a specified Kansas military person who has died fighting the war on terrorism.
- (c) The secretary shall install such signs after the secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the secretary for the initial cost of installing such signs and an additional 50% of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement costs of such signs.

The secretary of transportation may accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing such signs authorized by this section.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.