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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

On June 29, 2013, Sergeant Lance McLean succumbed to a gunshot sustained the previous day while responding to a disturbance call in the Oak Trail Shores community near Lake Granbury.

A subject who was awaiting trial for sexually assaulting a juvenile female had shown up at the girl's home. The subject was known to officers because of a previous criminal trespass warning at the location.

Sergeant McLean was the first officer to arrive at the location. The man opened fire on him, striking him in the head. The man then fled in a van and proceeded to the Granbury City Hall. As other deputies and officers attempted to stop him he walked towards them and opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle, wounding one Granbury officer before being shot and killed.

Sergeant McLean was flown to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries the following morning.

Sergeant McLean served with the Hood County Sheriff's Office for five years and four years with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. He is survived by his wife, two special-needs children, mother, brother, and grandfather.

As proposed, S.B. 671 amends current law relating to the designation of Loop 567 in Granbury as the Deputy Sergeant Lance McLean Loop 567.

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 225.109, as follows:

Sec. 225.109. DEPUTY SERGEANT LANCE MCLEAN LOOP 567. (a) Provides that the portion of Loop 567 in Granbury between its intersection with U.S. Highway 377 and its intersection with Business Highway 377 is designated as the Deputy Sergeant Lance McLean Loop 567. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

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

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Deputy Sergeant Lance McLean Loop 567 and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.