

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties seek to honor the distinguished life of Henry H. King of Bryson, Texas, whose triumphs during his service in World War II include surviving horrors such as the Bataan Death March, confinement as a prisoner of war, and forced labor in Japanese coal mines. These parties also note Mr. King's accomplishments after returning stateside, such as graduating from the University of North Texas, excelling in his career at Texas Instruments and Motorola, and caring for ill family members. H.B. 216 seeks to honor Mr. King's selfless service to his country, his community, and his family with a memorial highway designation in his name.

H.B. 216 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of U.S. Highway 380 from the municipal limits of Graham in Young County east to the municipal limits of Bryson in Jack County as the Henry H. King Memorial Highway. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Henry H. King Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

H.B. 216 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 380 in Young and Jack Counties as the Henry H. King Memorial Highway.

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 225.123, as follows:

Sec. 225.123. HENRY H. KING MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of U.S. Highway 380 from the municipal limits of Graham in Young County east to the municipal limits of Bryson in Jack County is designated as the Henry H. King Memorial Highway.

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

- (1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Henry H. King Memorial Highway 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: upon passage or September 1, 2017.