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SENATE BILL NO. 139

AN ACT

To repeal sections 9.138, 226.1150, 227.297, and 227.299, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty new sections relating to state designations.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 9.138, 226.1150, 227.297, and 227.299, RSMo, are repealed and twenty new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 9.138, 9.368, 9.369, 9.371, 9.372, 9.373, 9.374, 9.377, 9.378, 9.379, 9.387, 10.246, 10.247, 226.1150, 226.1160, 227.296, 227.297, 227.299, 227.822, and 227.834, to read as follows:

9.138. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the first week of March as ["Math, Engineering, Technology and Science (METS) Week"] "Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Week", and recommending to the people of the state that the week be appropriately observed through activities that will result in an increased awareness of the importance of advancing community interest in [math, engineering, technology, and science] science, technology, engineering, and math programs, and promote [METS] STEM careers statewide in order to advance Missouri's workforce. The proclamation shall also recommend that the week be observed with appropriate activities in public schools. Public and private involvement in [METS] STEM week demonstrates that fostering and encouraging interest in the sciences is a major factor in determining growth and success in school and will help

17 students develop a focus on technology-based careers after  
18 graduation.

2 9.368. The month of January each year shall be known  
3 as "State Legislator Remembrance Month" in memory of all  
4 state legislators who died while in office. Citizens of  
5 this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate  
6 events and activities to recognize those who lost their life  
7 while serving in the general assembly.

2 9.369. June twelfth of each year is hereby designated  
3 as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day". Citizens of this  
4 state are encouraged to engage in appropriate events and  
5 activities to recognize and address disparities in care,  
6 recognition, and benefits that our women veterans receive;  
7 to highlight the growing presence of women in the Armed  
8 Forces and the National Guard; and to pay respect to women  
9 veterans for their dutiful military service.

2 9.371. The first Saturday of October of each year is  
3 hereby designated as "Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in  
4 Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to  
5 participate in appropriate events and activities to raise  
6 awareness and celebrate survivors of breast cancer, the most  
7 commonly occurring cancer among women in the United States.

2 9.372. The third Saturday of October of each year is  
3 hereby designated as "Domestic Violence Awareness Day" in  
4 Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to  
5 participate in appropriate events and activities to bring  
6 awareness to domestic violence and its impacts on  
7 individuals regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion,  
8 or socioeconomic status.

2 9.373. January sixteenth each year is hereby  
3 designated as "Albert Pujols Day" in Missouri. The citizens  
4 of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate  
5 events and activities to celebrate the legendary St. Louis

5 Cardinals first baseman who retired in 2022 with more than  
6 three thousand career hits and more than seven hundred  
7 career home runs.

2 9.374. May third each year is hereby designated as  
3 "Shelley v. Kraemer Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this  
4 state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events  
5 and activities to recognize the historical impact of the  
6 United States Supreme Court case originating in St. Louis  
7 that held racially restrictive covenants in residential  
8 neighborhoods are not enforceable in state court.

2 9.377. November twenty-third each year is hereby  
3 designated as "K.C. Wolf Day" in Missouri. The citizens of  
4 this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate  
5 events and activities to celebrate the mascot of the Kansas  
6 City Chiefs football team.

2 9.378. March nineteenth is hereby designated as "Lloyd  
3 Gaines Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are  
4 encouraged to participate in appropriate events and  
5 activities to remember Gaines and his important role in the  
6 early twentieth century civil rights movement. Gaines was  
7 denied admission to the University of Missouri School of Law  
8 and won his court case requiring the state to admit him or  
9 establish a second law school for black students. The state  
10 opted to establish a second law school, but Gaines went  
11 missing before he could enroll.

2 9.379. The month of May is hereby designated as "Asian  
3 and Pacific Islander Heritage Month" in Missouri. The  
4 citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in  
5 appropriate events and activities to recognize the  
6 generations of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans who have  
7 positively influenced and enriched our state and society.

2 9.387. April sixteenth of each year is hereby  
3 designated as "Baker Service Appreciation Day". The

3 citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in  
4 appropriate events and activities to honor the memories of  
5 David and Brian Baker and their lives of service to others.

2 10.246. The Hawken rifle, a muzzle-loading rifle first  
3 manufactured in St. Louis and widely used by fur trappers,  
4 traders, and explorers in the early to mid-nineteenth  
5 century, is selected for and shall be known as the official  
6 state rifle of the state of Missouri.

2 10.247. The city of Piedmont and the county of Wayne  
3 are hereby selected for and shall be known as the "UFO  
4 Capitals of Missouri". Hundreds of UFO sightings occurred  
5 in Piedmont and Wayne County, Missouri, between February and  
6 April 1973. These incidents were part of a large pattern of  
7 UFO sightings throughout the United States in 1973.

2 226.1150. The counties located along the Missouri  
3 River that were greatly influenced by early German settlers  
4 including Boone, Chariton, Saline, Lafayette, Cooper,  
5 Howard, Moniteau, Cole, Callaway, Osage, Gasconade,  
6 Montgomery, Warren, Franklin, St. Charles, [and] St. Louis,  
7 and Perry, and the City of St. Louis, shall be designated  
8 the "German Heritage Corridor of Missouri". The department  
9 of transportation may place suitable markings and  
10 informational signs in the designated areas. Costs for such  
11 designation shall be paid by private donations.

2 226.1160. The region of southeast Missouri that  
3 includes the South County area of St. Louis county and the  
4 counties of Jefferson, Franklin, Crawford, Dent, Shannon,  
5 Oregon, Ste. Genevieve, Washington, St. Francois, Madison,  
6 Iron, Perry, Wayne, Reynolds, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau,  
7 Scott, Mississippi, Stoddard, Ripley, Butler, Carter, New  
8 Madrid, Pemiscot, and Dunklin shall be designated the "Stars  
9 and Stripes Historic Region of Missouri". The department of  
10 transportation may place suitable markings and informational

10 signs in the designated areas. Costs for such designation  
11 shall be paid by private donation.

227.296. 1. This section shall be known as the "FA  
2 Paul Akers Jr and LCPL Jared Schmitz Memorial Sign Funding  
3 Act".

4 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
5 contrary, beginning August 28, 2023, for designations on the  
6 state highway system honoring members of the Armed Forces  
7 killed in the line of duty, members of the Armed Forces who  
8 are missing in action, Missouri recipients of the medal of  
9 honor, emergency personnel killed while performing duties  
10 relating to their employment, or state employees killed  
11 while serving the state, no fees shall be assessed and all  
12 costs associated with such designations shall be funded by  
13 the department of transportation.

227.297. 1. This section establishes a designation  
2 program, to be known as the "Heroes Way Designation  
3 Program", to honor the fallen Missouri heroes who have been  
4 killed in action while performing active military duty with  
5 the Armed Forces. The signs shall be placed upon interstate  
6 or state-numbered highway interchanges or upon bridges or  
7 segments of highway on the state highway system in  
8 accordance with this section, and any applicable federal and  
9 state limitations or conditions on highway signage,  
10 including location and spacing.

11 2. Any person who is related by marriage, adoption, or  
12 consanguinity within the second degree to a member of the  
13 United States Armed Forces who was killed in action while  
14 performing active military duty with the Armed Forces, and  
15 who was a resident of this state at the time he or she was  
16 killed in action, may apply for a designation under the  
17 provisions of this section.

18           3. Any person described under subsection 2 of this  
19 section who desires to have an interstate or state-numbered  
20 highway interchange or bridge or segment of highway on the  
21 state highway system designated after his or her family  
22 member shall petition the department of transportation by  
23 submitting the following:

24           (1) An application in a form prescribed by the  
25 director, describing the interstate or state-numbered  
26 highway interchange or bridge or segment of highway on the  
27 state highway system for which the designation is sought and  
28 the proposed name of the interchange, bridge or relevant  
29 segment of highway. The application shall include the name  
30 of at least one current member of the general assembly who  
31 will sponsor the designation. The application may contain  
32 written testimony for support of the designation;

33           (2) Proof that the family member killed in action was  
34 a member of the United States Armed Forces and proof that  
35 such family member was in fact killed in action while  
36 performing active military duty with the United States Armed  
37 Forces. Acceptable proof shall be a statement from the  
38 Missouri veterans commission or the United States Department  
39 of Veterans Affairs so certifying such facts; and

40           (3) By signing a form provided by the Missouri  
41 transportation department, the applicant shall certify that  
42 the applicant is related by marriage, adoption, or  
43 consanguinity within the second degree to the member of the  
44 United States Armed Forces who was killed in action[; and

45           (4) A fee to be determined by the commission to cover  
46 the costs of constructing and maintaining the proposed  
47 interchange, bridge, or highway signs. The fee shall not  
48 exceed the cost of constructing and maintaining each sign.

49           4. All moneys received by the department of  
50 transportation for the construction and maintenance of

51 interchange, bridge, or highway signs shall be deposited in  
52 the state treasury to the credit of the state road fund].

53 [5.] 4. The documents [and fees] required under this  
54 section shall be submitted to the department of  
55 transportation.

56 [6.] 5. The department of transportation shall submit  
57 for approval or disapproval all applications for  
58 designations to the joint committee on transportation  
59 oversight. The joint committee on transportation oversight  
60 may review such applications at any scheduled meeting  
61 convened pursuant to section 21.795. If satisfied with the  
62 application and all its contents, the committee shall  
63 approve the application. The committee shall notify the  
64 department of transportation upon the approval or denial of  
65 an application for a designation.

66 [7.] 6. The department of transportation shall give  
67 notice of any proposed designation under this section in a  
68 manner reasonably calculated to advise the public of such  
69 proposal. Reasonable notice shall include posting the  
70 proposal for the designation on the department's official  
71 public website and making available copies of the sign  
72 designation application to any representative of the news  
73 media or public upon request and posting the application on  
74 a bulletin board or other prominent public place which is  
75 easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for  
76 that purpose at the principal office.

77 [8. If the memorial designation request is not  
78 approved by the joint committee on transportation oversight,  
79 ninety-seven percent of the application fee shall be  
80 refunded to the applicant.

81 [9.] 7. Two signs shall be erected for each  
82 interchange, bridge, or highway designation processed under  
83 this section.

84           [10.] 8. No interchange, bridge, or highway may be  
85 named or designated after more than one member of the United  
86 States Armed Forces killed in action. Such person shall  
87 only be eligible for one interchange, bridge, or highway  
88 designation under the provisions of this section.

89           [11.] 9. Any highway signs erected for any designation  
90 under the provisions of this section shall be erected and  
91 maintained for a twenty-year period. After such period, the  
92 signs shall be subject to removal by the department of  
93 transportation and the interchange, bridge, or highway may  
94 be designated to honor persons other than the current  
95 designee. An existing designation processed under the  
96 provisions of this section may be retained for additional  
97 twenty-year increments if, at least one year before the  
98 designation's expiration, an application to the department  
99 of transportation is made to retain the designation along  
100 with the [required] documents [and all applicable fees]  
101 required under this section.

227.299. 1. Except as provided in subsection 7 of  
2 this section, an organization or person that seeks a bridge  
3 or highway designation on the state highway system to honor  
4 an event, place, organization, or person who has been  
5 deceased for more than two years shall petition the  
6 department of transportation by submitting the following:

7           (1) An application in a form prescribed by the  
8 director, describing the bridge or segment of highway for  
9 which designation is sought and the proposed name of the  
10 bridge or relevant portion of highway. The application  
11 shall include the name of at least one current member of the  
12 general assembly who will sponsor the bridge or highway  
13 designation. The application may contain written testimony  
14 for support of the bridge or highway designation;



15           (2) A list of at least one hundred signatures of  
16 individuals who support the naming of the bridge or highway;  
17 and

18           (3) A fee to be determined by the commission to cover  
19 the costs of constructing and maintaining the proposed  
20 signs. The fee shall not exceed the cost of constructing  
21 and maintaining each sign.

22           2. All moneys received by the department of  
23 transportation for the construction and maintenance of  
24 bridge or highway signs on the state highway system shall be  
25 deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state  
26 road fund.

27           3. The documents and fees required under this section  
28 shall be submitted to the department of transportation no  
29 later than November first prior to the next regular session  
30 of the general assembly to be approved or denied by the  
31 joint committee on transportation oversight during such  
32 legislative session.

33           4. The department of transportation shall give notice  
34 of any proposed bridge or highway designation on the state  
35 highway system in a manner reasonably calculated to advise  
36 the public of such proposal. Reasonable notice shall  
37 include posting the proposal for the designation on the  
38 department's official public website, and making available  
39 copies of the sign designation application to any  
40 representative of the news media or public upon request and  
41 posting the application on a bulletin board or other  
42 prominent public place which is easily accessible to the  
43 public and clearly designated for that purpose at the  
44 principal office.

45           5. If the memorial highway designation requested by  
46 the organization is not approved by the joint committee on  
47 transportation oversight, ninety-seven percent of the

48 application fee shall be refunded to the requesting  
49 organization.

50 6. Two highway signs shall be erected for each bridge  
51 and highway designation on the state highway system  
52 processed under this section. When a named section of a  
53 highway crosses two or more county lines, consideration  
54 shall be given by the department of transportation to allow  
55 additional signage at the county lines or major  
56 intersections.

57 7. [(1)] Highway or bridge designations on the state  
58 highway system honoring fallen law enforcement officers,  
59 members of the Armed Forces killed in the line of duty,  
60 Missouri recipients of the medal of honor, emergency  
61 personnel killed while performing duties relating to their  
62 employment, or state employees killed while serving the  
63 state shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

64 [(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
65 contrary, beginning August 28, 2021, for designations  
66 honoring Missouri medal of honor recipients, no fees shall  
67 be assessed and all costs associated with such designations  
68 shall be funded by the department of transportation.]

69 8. No bridge or portion of a highway on the state  
70 highway system may be named or designated after more than  
71 one event, place, organization, or person. Each event,  
72 place, organization, or person shall only be eligible for  
73 one bridge or highway designation.

74 9. Any highway signs erected for any bridge or highway  
75 designation on the state highway system under the provisions  
76 of this section shall be erected and maintained for a twenty-  
77 year period. After such period, the signs shall be subject  
78 to removal by the department of transportation and the  
79 bridge or highway may be designated to honor events, places,  
80 organizations, or persons other than the current designee.

81 An existing highway or bridge designation processed under  
82 the provisions of this section may be retained for  
83 additional twenty-year increments if, at least one year  
84 before the designation's expiration, an application to the  
85 department of transportation is made to retain the  
86 designation along with the required documents and all  
87 applicable fees required under this section.

88 10. For persons honored with designations on the state  
89 highway system under this chapter after August 28, 2021, the  
90 department of transportation shall post a link on its  
91 website to biographical information of such persons.

92 11. The provisions of this section shall apply to  
93 bridge or highway designations sought after August 28, 2006.

227.822. The Missouri portion of the new bridge  
2 (Chester Bridge) on State Highway 51 crossing over the  
3 Mississippi River in Perry County to the Missouri/Illinois  
4 state line shall be designated the "Don Welge Memorial  
5 Bridge". The Missouri department of transportation shall  
6 collaborate with the Illinois department of transportation  
7 in designating, erecting, and maintaining appropriate signs  
8 designating each state's portion of the bridge, with the  
9 costs to be paid by private donations.

227.834. The portion of Interstate 64 from the  
2 Interstate 64 ramp to Interstate 270 continuing east to  
3 Spoede Road in St. Louis County shall be designated the  
4 "Major Lee Berra Memorial Highway". The department of  
5 transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs  
6 designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by  
7 private donations.

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