

Bill Renaming Marshall Co Highway Considered

A Kansas House committee on Tuesday heard testimony on a bill to rename a stretch of highway in Marshall County after thirty-seven men from the town of Frankfort who were killed in World War II.

Frank Benteman, a Frankfort native and WWII veteran who is leading the effort to rename a part of K-99 highway after the Frankfort Boys, testified before the House Transportation Committee.

The Topeka-Capital Journal reports the committee took no action on the bill, but when Benteman was finished the committee's 19 members and about a dozen spectators gave him a standing ovation.

Sponsored by Representative Sharon Schwartz, a Washington Republican, the bill seeks to name part of K-99 the " Frankfort Boys World War II Memorial Highway." Schwartz urged the committee to pass the bill. She said she wasn't sure when a vote would be taken, but has expressed optimism that the bill will pass.

If approved by the legislature, K-99 would be a memorial highway from the south city limits of Frankfort north of the junction with U.S. 36.

The cost of two signs marking the memorial highway along with the cost of future maintenance and replacement of the signs, totaling more than 28-hundred dollars, would be paid by private donations.