

- SUBJECT:** Designating the Lt. Col. Roy Lin Tisdale Memorial Highway
- COMMITTEE:** Defense and Veterans' Affairs — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 7 ayes — Gutierrez, Blanco, Arévalo, Cain, Flynn, Lambert, Wilson
0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — Darrell Cassle; Jodi Cassle; Jayson Corbett; Travis Locke; Stephen Ruth; Cynthia Thurman; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jamie Cook; Kim Tisdale)
Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Transportation Code, sec. 225.001(c) allows part of the highway system, including a bridge or street, to be designated by the name of a deceased person who was significant in the state's history or in the lives of Texans.
Sec. 225.021(c) prohibits the Texas Department of Transportation from designing, constructing, or erecting a marker to designate a state highway unless a grant or donation of funds is made to the department to cover the costs.
- DIGEST:** HB 947 would designate a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 1462 between State Highway 288 and State Highway 35 as the Lieutenant Colonel Roy Lin Tisdale Memorial Highway.
Upon a donation of funds for the designation, the Texas Department of Transportation would design and construct markers indicating the designation and place one at each end and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.
The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017.

SUPPORTERS
SAY:

HB 947 would honor the life of Lt. Col. Roy Lin Tisdale, who served 19 years in the U.S. Army and at the time of his death was the commander of the 525th Brigade Special Troops Battalion and the 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade. Lt. Col. Tisdale served two full tours in Iraq and two full tours in Afghanistan. During his military career, he received a Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and a Purple Heart, among other honors, including graduating from the U.S. Army Ranger School.

The bill would pay tribute to Lt. Col. Tisdale, who was killed at age 42 by a fellow soldier at Fort Bragg on June 28, 2012. Tisdale's life and military service and that of other fallen military personnel are memorialized at annual memorial running events called "Running With Roy," which take place throughout Texas and at U.S. Army installations worldwide.

OPPONENTS
SAY:

No apparent opposition.