

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Staff Sergeant Jeremie S. Border, 28, of Mesquite, Texas, died September 1, 2012, by small arms fire while conducting combat operations in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan.

Border was assigned to Company Alpha, 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Okinawa, Japan, and was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan.

Border graduated from Mesquite High School in 2002 and attended college at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Communications in 2006.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 2, Army Service Ribbon, Special Forces Tab, Expert Infantry Badge and the Army Parachutist Badge.

He has been posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Afghan Campaign Medal.

S.B. 1126 would designate the portion of State Highway 352 within the municipal limits of the City of Mesquite as the Staff Sergeant Jeremie S. Border Memorial Highway.

The state would not pay for the designating markers so there would be no fiscal implication to the state.

As proposed, S.B. 1126 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 352 as the Staff Sergeant Jeremie S. Border 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. STAFF SERGEANT JEREMIE S. BORDER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

(a) Designates the portion of State Highway 352 in the municipal limits of Mesquite as the Staff Sergeant Jeremie S. Border 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 certain grant or donation of funds is made), to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Staff Sergeant Jeremie S. Border Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information, and erect a

marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.