BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Two distinguished West Texas veterans, Mac Wilson and Rex Young, made the ultimate sacrifice during their service in Vietnam. Both men were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by then-United States President Richard Nixon. H.B. 2083 seeks to further honor the service and sacrifice of these men by designating a portion of Business Interstate Highway 20-E in Ector County as the Mac Wilson and Rex Young Medal of Honor Highway.

H.B. 2083 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of Business Interstate Highway 20-E in Ector County as the Mac Wilson and Rex Young Medal of Honor 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 225.217, as follows:

Sec. 225.217. MAC WILSON AND REX YOUNG MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of Business Interstate Highway 20-E in Ector County between its eastern intersection with State Highway Loop 338 and its intersection with the Ector-Midland County Line is designated as the Mac Wilson and Rex Young Medal of Honor 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 TxDOT to cover the cost), to:
 - (1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Mac Wilson and Rex Young Medal of Honor 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: September 1, 2023.