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Governor Signs Senate Bill Naming Portion of Hwy 21 for Slain Kirkwood Police Officer *Section Named Sergeant William McEntee Memorial Highway*

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. – Sergeant William McEntee’s widow, Mary McEntee, joined Senate President Pro Tem Michael R. Gibbons, R-Kirkwood, and Kirkwood Police Det. Jackie Tabers to watch as Governor Matt Blunt signed a bill naming a portion of Highway 21, or Tesson Ferry Road, in St. Louis County the “Sergeant William McEntee Memorial Highway.” Sergeant McEntee was gunned down while responding to a complaint on July 5, 2005. He was a 20 year veteran of the Kirkwood Police Department.

Gibbons says he sponsored the bill because it is important for the community to recognize the men and women who work everyday to save lives.

“Sergeant McEntee gave his life in service to keeping the people of Kirkwood safe,” Gibbons said. “This is something we can do to remind citizens of the incredible sacrifice he made and of the loss to his family.”

Sergeant McEntee leaves behind three children, Katie, Brendan, and Conor. His wife, Mary, said her family lives in the area where the signs commemorating her husband will be displayed.

“For my children to see his name everyday will be an honor and a comfort,” she said.

Senate Bill 1139 would require the Missouri Department of Transportation to hang and maintain the signs commemorating the portion of the highway from the intersection at Lindbergh Avenue to the intersection of Gravois Road.

Highway 21 is also known as the Veterans Memorial Highway, but Gibbons said the Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations’ legislative committee is supportive and agreed to cede their name on this portion of the highway to honor Sergeant McEntee.

The bill takes effect on August 28. The signs marking the memorial highway will be displayed after that date.

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