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**Sen. Crowell's Legislation Honoring Hometown  
Heroes Approved by Legislature**  
*Measure To Memorialize Fallen Service Members at Interstate  
Interchanges Moves to Governor's Desk*

JEFFERSON CITY — Families of service men and women killed in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan will be able to memorialize their loved one through legislation recently approved by the General Assembly. Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, successfully amended the provision establishing the Heroes Way Interstate Interchange Destination Program on to several bills approved by the Legislature.

“I was approached by community leaders in Southeast Missouri who wanted a way to honor local fallen heroes,” said Sen. Crowell. “We were then able to work with the Department of Transportation to develop a program to provide communities throughout Missouri with an opportunity to acknowledge the loss they all feel when one of their own is killed in combat.”

The Heroes Way Interstate Interchange Designation Program will allow relatives to submit their loved one's name to the Missouri Department of Transportation for recognition. In order to be eligible for recognition, an individual must have been killed in action during active military duty in Afghanistan or Iraq on or after September 11, 2001, and must have sponsorship from at least one member of the General Assembly. Once an application is approved, two signs will be erected in the North/South or East/West directions at the designated interstate interchange.

“We owe so much to the men and women who chose to leave their homes to serve our country,” said Sen. Crowell. “This is one way of making sure the memory of those who have given their lives for our freedom are honored and remembered.”

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