

HCS HB 1644 -- HIGHWAY DESIGNATION

SPONSOR: Lant

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill designates the portion of Interstate Highway 49 in Newton County from the intersection of State Highway 60 to the Newton-McDonald County line as the "James B. Tatum Highway." The Department of Transportation must erect and maintain the appropriate signs with the costs to be paid by private donations.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that James B Tatum was the first Eagle Scout in McDonald County. He served in the Korean War and was awarded a Purple Heart. He operated a family business for over 50 years and reformed the local college. He is most deserving of this recognition.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Lant.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.