

HB 1289 -- PURPLE HEART TRAILS

SPONSOR: Busick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill designates specified highways as "Purple Heart Trails" that honor military veterans who have received purple heart medals. The sections to be named are:

(1) The portion of Interstate 29 from its intersection of Interstate 70/U.S. State Highway 71/40 in Jackson County north to the bridge crossing over Nishnabotna River in Atchison County, except for those portions of Interstate 29 previously designated as of August 28, 2021;

(2) The portion of Interstate 55 from State Highway O in Pemiscot County to U.S. Highway 40 in St. Louis City, except for those portions of Interstate 55 previously designated as of August 28, 2021;

(3) The portion of Interstate 57 from the Missouri/Illinois state line in Mississippi County continuing south to U.S. State Highway 60/State Highway AA in Scott County; and

(4) The portion of Interstate 64 from Interstate 70 from the city of Wentzville in St. Charles County continuing east to Interstate 55 at the Missouri/Illinois state line in St. Louis City, except for those portions of Interstate 64/US40/US61 previously designated as of August 28, 2021.

The cost of signage shall be paid by private donation.

This bill is similar to HB 1915 (2020).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that these tributes are important.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Busick.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that dedicating portions of highways and bridges only to some people who served in the military is not fair to all persons who have served in the military.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie C. Dienoff.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full

written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.