



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1566</b>		DATE: <b>1/24/2024</b>
COMMITTEE: <b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>		
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<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>JOHN E SIMPSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE:      ZIP:
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Barton County Sheriff John Harlow was shot and killed on March 3rd 1919 at the age of 60 by a prisoner who was smuggled a gun while incarcerated in the Barton county jail. The suspect shot Sheriff Harlow as the cell door was opened and the suspect was allowed to enter the hallway to make a phone call to his wife. Barton County Sheriff Roy Patterson was shot and killed on August 17th 1944 at the intersection of 160 hwy and J hwy three miles West of Lamar. The sheriff had been called at home at 4:00 am and notified that a gas station had just been robbed. The sheriff and his son immediately got dressed and responded to the area. The two parked their vehicle along the roadway and waited for the suspect vehicle to pass. When they saw the vehicle they immediately overtook it and waved it over. After speaking with the three occupants the sheriff took one of the men's wallets and told them to turn around and drive back towards town as he followed. The suspect vehicle drove a short distance before pulling over. Two of the occupants approached the sheriff's car and pulled out their .32 caliber pistols and told the sheriff to give them his gun. The sheriff immediately drew his weapon and fired a shot. The two men then returned fire, fatally shooting the sheriff. Constable W. Earl Gowdy was shot and killed on February 14 1920. Gowdy was shot and killed during a shootout with three suspects. He was exchanging shots with two suspects when a third man shot him from behind. The three suspects were attempting to burglarize the Iron Bridge Distillery located just West of Liberal Missouri. These three men deserve so much more from us than we can ever repay them. It would be a great honor to have these sections of highway renamed after them for their sacrifice to protect the citizens of Barton County Missouri. Respectfully, Barton County Sheriff John Simpson



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RANDEE KAISER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**As the Jasper County Sheriff and a member of law enforcement for more than 28 years, I fully support and endorse the memorial designations in this bill. I believe that memorializing the name and memory of those who have fallen while in service to our community is of the utmost importance. I believe I speak on behalf of all members of public safety as I show support for this bill.**



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**I am Opposed to this Bill. This Memorial Designation is unfair to ALL other Missourians who sacrificed their life for our Country and State. It is also unfair to other families that had to pay for the Sign, Installation and Maintenance.**