

HCS HB 81 -- SIGNS HONORING CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS
SIGNS

SPONSOR: Griffith

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 15 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 81.

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to place a sign at the city limits of the hometown of any Missouri resident who is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The location and relevant hometown will be determined as described in the bill. The sign must have the words "Medal of Honor Recipient", the name of the recipient, and the year in which the honor was awarded. The sign will be paid for, erected, and maintained by the Department.

This bill is similar to HB 2100 (2024).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the medal of honor is the highest award given to someone in the military. It is for people who have gone above and beyond in service to their county. There's one recipient who lives in Missouri, a vietnam veteran who was an enlisted medic. An enemy threw a grenade in his bunker, and he jumped on the top of it, but it didn't explode. He threw it out and it went off outside. Sixty-three cities in Missouri have been home to a Medal of Honor recipient. This would identify those cities as Medal of Honor cities and allows the residents of those cities to take pride in that. Current Medal of Honor signage has been paid for by Ladonia, but every recipient should be honored.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Griffith.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the only money that has been spent out of the relevant fund has been for Medal of Honor signage and labor to erect that signage.

Testifying in person on the bill was Patrick Flesch, MoDOT.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.