

HS HB 2576 -- STATE DESIGNATIONS

SPONSOR: Black

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HS" by the Committee on Legislative Review by a vote of 8 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Substitute for HB 2576.

This bill makes the following designations:

(1) Every November 24th as "Frankie Muse Freeman Day" in Missouri (Section 9.413). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2796 (2026).

(2) Every last week of April every year as "Infertility Awareness Week" in Missouri (Section 9.418). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2372 (2026).

(3) Every first full week in September every year as "June's Week" and "Rare Pediatric Disease Week" in Missouri (Section 9.501). This section of the bill is the same as HB 1756 (2026).

(4) Every April 5th as "Racquetball Day" in Missouri (Section 9.504). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2445 (2026).

(5) Every April 30th as "William Lacy Clay Sr. Day" in Missouri (Section 9.509). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3074 (2026).

(6) Every May 10th as "Missouri River Runner Day" in Missouri (Section 9.510). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3165; HB 3216 (2026).

(7) The smooth chanterelle as the official mushroom of Missouri (Section 10.281). This section of the bill is the same as HB 1960 (2026).

(8) The City of Dexter as the official "Rib City" of Missouri (Section 10.282). This section of the bill is the same as HB 1651 (2026).

(9) The Missouri Military Academy in the City of Mexico as the official military academy of Missouri (Section 10.283). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2307 (2026).

(10) The Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival in the City of Marshfield as the official state cherry blossom festival of Missouri (Section 10.284). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2290 (2026).

(11) The City of Kansas City as the official "Barbecue Capital" of Missouri (Section 10.287). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3264; HB 3287 (2026).

(12) The City of Belle as the official "Cowbell Capital" of Missouri (Section 10.288). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3407 (2026).

(13) The City of Bland as "The Silver City of the Rock Island Trail" of Missouri (Section 10.289). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3420 (2026).

(14) The Kansas City Chiefs will not be the official professional football team of Missouri (Section 10.292). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2576 (2026).

(15) "Carl G Koester Memorial Highway" in St. Francois County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by private donations (Section 227.895). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2576 (2026).

(16) "Gary D McCormack Nemo Macto Unus Memorial Highway" in Greene County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by the Department (Section 227.898). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2117 (2026).

(17) "Army SSG Salvatore Palazzolo Memorial Bridge" in St. Louis County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by the Department (Section 227.900). This section of the bill is the same as HB 1848 (2026).

(18) "WWII Robert Earl Sauls Memorial Highway" in Jackson County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by private donations

(Section 227.901). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2094 (2026).

(19) "Captain Vernon Collett Memorial Highway" in Johnson County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by the Department (Section 227.902). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2873 (2026).

(20) "Dr Tommy Macdonnell Memorial Bridge" in Webster County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by the Department in recognition of the honoree's Silver Star Award (Section 227.903). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2576 (2026).

(21) "Dr Scott Hall Memorial Highway" in Harrison County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by private donations (Section 227.904). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2701 (2026).

(22) "Jerrad Bennett Memorial Bridge" in Howell County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by private donations (Section 227.905). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2845 (2026).

(23) "Firefighter Paramedic Graham J Hoffman Memorial Highway" in Platte County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by the Department (Section 227.906). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3378 (2026).

(24) "PVT William W Smith Memorial Bridge" in Putnam County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by the Department (Section 227.907). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3291 (2026).

(25) "CPL Vernon D Jobe Memorial Bridge" in Sullivan County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by the Department (Section 227.908). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3291 (2026).

(26) "PVT Charles A Paxton Memorial Bridge" in Sullivan County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain

appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by the Department (Section 227.909). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3291 (2026).

(27) "Mayor Mary Louise Carter Highway" in St. Louis County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by private donations (Section 227.910). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3424 (2026).

(28) "Army PFC Gary Prather Memorial Highway" in Jefferson County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by the Department (Section 227.911). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3486 (2026).

(29) "Emmett Kelly Sr Memorial Highway" in Texas County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by private donations (Section 227.912). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3516 (2026).

(30) "Police Chief Richard A Hughes Memorial Highway" in Pike County. The Department of Transportation will erect and maintain appropriate signs, with the cost to be paid by the Department (Section 227.913). This section of the bill is the same as HB 2576 (2026).

(31) "Missouri Rock Island Trail Community" for municipalities located along the Rock Island Trail corridor that promotes outdoor recreation, heritage tourism, and economic development within Missouri. The municipalities include the City of Bland and the City of Belle. Additional municipalities located along the Rock Trail corridor can be designated by the general assembly (Section 620.430). This section of the bill is the same as HB 3408 (2026).

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 Dr. Tommy Macdonnell was a soldier who received two purple hearts and a silver star. Dr. Tommy Macdonnell fought in both the Battle of Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge. Dr. Tommy Macdonnell deserves recognition for everything he did for our country.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Black.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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.