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Chairman Proehl, Vice Chair Thimesch, ranking Minority Member Helgerson and members of the Committee.

HB No. 2431 An act concerning roads and highways; designating a bridge on United States highway 166 in Cowley county as the SGT Tyler A. Juden memorial bridge.

Tyler A Juden, PFC E3, was deployed to Afghanistan for fifteen months as a sniper for his unit. He received two promotions. After his first tour of duty, and now as Sgt Tyler A Juden E5, he was reassigned to train snipers for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne at Fort Bragg. When his sniper trainees were deployed, he chose to deploy with them as their unit leader. He served his country proudly.

Sergeant Tyler A Juden, 23, was killed in action on September 12, 2009 in Turan, Afghanistan, fighting terrorism in Operation Enduring Freedom. This was his second tour of duty fighting for the United States of America. Sgt Juden was a highly decorated US Army Paratrooper, Infantryman and Sniper. He was assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 73<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg. NC.

“The bridge is a symbol of strength, honor and respect and it becomes part of the families/fallen warrior’s legacy and history. The bridge will pass the torch onto countless generations and show them who the fallen warrior was and their sacrifice to our nation.”

This dedication will honor all the fallen veterans from our area. Anyone who loves our country will be strengthened by such a visible memorial. This bridge crosses the Walnut River on state Highway 166 east of Arkansas City, Kansas. This is a living legacy for all Gold Star families who will drive, as Mr. and Mrs. Bob Juden continue to do, and as their son did, over this bridge.

This bill requests Bridge Number 0018-0089 located on US Highway 166 in Cowley County be designated the SGT Tyler A. Juden Memorial Bridge. On behalf of Bob and Reatha Juden, thank you for allowing this bill a hearing.

Representative Bill Rhiley

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