

SENATE BILL NO. 231

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SENATOR CONRAD BURNS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL SIGNS AT THE LOCATION AND TO INCLUDE THE LOCATION ON THE NEXT PUBLICATION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY MAP; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

WHEREAS, Senator Conrad Burns was dedicated to the state of Montana and to his community of Billings; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Montana since 1962, Senator Burns was a cattle auctioneer and a farm reporter, eventually founding the successful Northern Ag Network, before beginning a career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Senator Burns served as Yellowstone County Commissioner before his election to the U.S. Senate in 1988, where he represented the state of Montana for three terms; and

WHEREAS, Senator Burns understood the importance of infrastructure development and, through his influential membership on the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured critical funding for numerous road and building projects throughout Montana, including the Zimmerman Trail in Billings and the Helena Armed Forces Reserve Center and the Training Center Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Senator Burns' support was instrumental in the completion of improvements to Airport Road in Billings; and

WHEREAS, designation of a portion of Airport Road as the Senator Conrad Burns Memorial Highway would honor Senator Burns and recognize his commitment to and hard work on behalf of the community of Billings and the state of Montana.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Senator Conrad Burns memorial highway.** (1) There is established the Senator Conrad Burns memorial highway on the existing road known as "Airport Road" in Billings from the junction with U.S. highway 87 known as "Main Street" in the Billings heights to the intersection of North 27th



1 street, Montana highway 3.

2 (2) When existing road signs on the designated highway need replacement, the department shall provide
3 appropriate markers to recognize the memorial designation of the highway.

4 (3) Maps that identify roadways in Montana must be updated to reflect the memorial designation in
5 subsection (1) when maps are updated.

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7 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
8 integral part of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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