

SENATE BILL NO. 175

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DAVID THATCHER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY IN STILLWATER COUNTY; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL SIGNS AT THE LOCATION AND TO INCLUDE THE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY ON THE NEXT STATE HIGHWAY MAP; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

WHEREAS, David Thatcher grew up on an eastern Montana homestead, helping support his family in the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, David Thatcher graduated from Absarokee High School in 1939, enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1940, and volunteered for the Doolittle Raid after the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, David Thatcher, through gallantry in action, saved the lives of his entire crew after they crash landed off the Chinese coast; and

WHEREAS, David Thatcher was a vital member of the Missoula community, raising his family with his wife of 70 years, carrying the mail for the U.S. Postal Service, gardening, camping, serving with the Odd Fellows, and worshipping at the First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, the 66th Legislature of the State of Montana honors David Thatcher for his exemplary life of service.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. David Thatcher memorial highway. (1) There is established the David Thatcher memorial highway on existing state highway 419 from state highway 419's intersection with state highway 78 to state highway 419's intersection with state highway 420.

(2) The department shall design and install appropriate signs marking the location of the David Thatcher memorial highway.

(3) Maps that identify roadways in Montana must be updated to include the location of the David Thatcher memorial highway when the department updates and publishes the state maps.

1 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
2 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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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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