

SENATE BILL NO. 260

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

WHEREAS, Trenton Johnson was a 2016 graduate of Missoula's Hellgate High School, where he had been recognized as a scholar and a member of Hellgate's four-time state champion lacrosse team; and

WHEREAS, Trenton Johnson was 19 years old and a sophomore at Montana State University; and

WHEREAS, Trenton Johnson was in his first season as a wildland firefighter with Grayback Forestry; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2017, Trenton Johnson was part of an initial attack team dispatched to the Florence Fire near Seeley Lake in the Lolo National Forest when he was struck by a falling tree snag and passed away from the injuries he sustained when struck; and

WHEREAS, Trenton Johnson gave his life to protect Montana; and

WHEREAS, the 66th Legislature of the State of Montana honors Trenton Johnson and his sacrifice.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Trenton Johnson memorial highway. (1) There is established the Trenton Johnson memorial highway on existing state highway 83 between mile marker 14 and mile marker 22.

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

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

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



