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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Transportation  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 29, 2024  
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2799

HB 2799 designates a portion of U.S. highway 281 in Russell County as the first responders memorial highway.

Section 1 provides that the first responders memorial highway will be designated on the portion of U.S. 281 in Russell County from the southern city limits of Russell then north to its junction with K-18 highway. Highway signs designating the highway as the first responders memorial highway will not be placed until the requirements of K.S.A. 68-10,114 are met. K.S.A. 68-10,114 provides that the secretary of transportation should not place any signs designating memorial highways until receiving sufficient funds from gifts and donations to cover the costs of those signs. Additionally, the secretary must receive an additional 50% of the initial cost to pay for future maintenance or replacement costs for the signs.

Section 2 of the bill redesignates that portion of U.S. 281 to account for the first responders memorial highway. U.S. 281 is currently designated as the American Legion memorial highway from the Kansas-Oklahoma border to the Nebraska-Kansas border. The remaining portion of the American Legion memorial highway will remain unchanged.