

Written Testimony before the Senate Transportation Committee SB 26 – Designate portion of K-7 as Bud Burke Memorial Hwy Submitted by Tim McKee, CEO of Olathe Chamber Thursday, February 18, 2021

Chairman Petersen and honorable committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to express support for SB 26 and designating a portion of K-7 Highway as the Bud Burke Memorial Highway. Bud gave a lifetime of service to Johnson County and the State of Kansas. He served as the Senate Majority Leader from 1985 to 1988 and Senate President from 1989 to 1997. He was a graduate of the University of Kansas where he lettered in tennis and swimming. Bud also served his country as a fighter pilot in the United States Air Force where he retired as a captain. We could not find a more deserving person for this stretch of Highway to be named.

It is with great honor that we support and encourage this committee to help us honor the legacy of Bud Burke by passing SB 26. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 913. 764.1050.

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