The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairperson Senate Committee on Transportation Statehouse, Room 345-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Mr. Chairman,

I am writing testimony to you in support of <u>Kansas SB20</u>, designating a portion of US 69 Highway in Overland Park as the Dennis M. Wilson Memorial Highway. Serving as a Representative for District 37 from 2007-2020 I got to know Senator Dennis Wilson extremely well and I cannot think of anyone who deserves this honor more than Senator Wilson.

During his time in office, Senator Wilson wore many different hats as a legislator but he was always an exemplary leader, and his unwavering dedication to his District goes without saying. To me, as a Democrat, Senator Wilson was a colleague, mentor, leader, but most importantly, my friend. Even after retiring from public service, Senator Wilson would always call and check-in, he was the type that always stayed in touch with those he had been close with during his many years of service.

Senator Dennis M. Wilson's death is a tragic loss for us all and he will be deeply missed. **Kansas SB20,** would be a way to forever memorialize a man who is more than deserving of this honor. It is my believe that renaming a segment of 69 Highway, Dennis M. Wilson Memorial Highway, is a way for the state of Kansas to pay tribute to and show appreciation for his many years of being a dedicated public servant. I pray that this committee will seriously consider bestowing this honor upon Senator Wilson and his legacy. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Stan Frownfelter