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**Committee on ... Transportation, Tourism,
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Senate

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Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources

Senate Bill 564

Relating to: designating and marking a portion of STH 50 in Kenosha County as the LeRoy and Lynn Copen Memorial Highway.

By Senator Wirch; cosponsored by Representatives Steinbrink, Barca and Kerkman.

February 26, 2010 Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

March 10, 2010 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.
Absent: (2) Senators Plale and Hansen.

Appearances For

- John Steinbrink — 65th Assembly District

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Bob Wirch — 22nd Senate District

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 1, 2010 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Leibham, seconded by Senator Sullivan that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Sullivan, seconded by Senator Leibham that **Senate Bill 564** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Elizabeth Novak
Committee Clerk





JOHN P. STEINBRINK

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ■ SIXTY-FIFTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Date?

REP. STEINBRINK TESTIMONY ON SB 564/AB 766

Chair Holperin and members,

Thank you for considering this legislation to honor a couple from the Kenosha area who shared a strong commitment to justice and left a legacy that is felt in our community to this day.

In 2003 Lee and Lynn Copen were killed in a tragic accident when a man attempting suicide crashed into their car at the intersection of Highways 50 and 31.

The bill you have before you follows a request by colleagues of Lynn Copen to rename that intersection in honor of a couple that is greatly missed and fondly remembered in our community.

Lynn Copen started her career in public service as the first female police officer in Tomah, WI. She later worked for the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and the UW-Parkside police force.

She met her husband in the 1970s at the State Patrol Training Academy.

Lee Copen was a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War who served with distinction in the Kenosha Sheriff's Department for 25 years, including stints as logistics coordinator for the tactical team and liaison for courthouse security.

Lee also served as deputy director for emergency services in Kenosha County.

Lynn is probably best known in our community for her work with crime victims as the Victim/Witness Coordinator for the district attorney's office and her advocacy for children and victims of crime, especially domestic violence.

Lynn literally wrote the book as the author of "Preparing Children for Court: A Practitioner's Guide" and she was nationally recognized for her expertise.

Each year, Women's and Children's Horizons in our community issues the "Lee and Lynn Copen Family Justice Award" in memory of the couple's shared commitment to justice.

And today I'm asking the committee to join the Assembly and Lee and Lynn Copen's many friends, neighbors and colleagues in our community and around the state in recognizing Lee and Lynn Copen's legacy.

I want to thank you for your consideration and I welcome your questions.