2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 235

March 16, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives Musser, Petrowski, Van Roy, Pettis, Gundrum, Owens, Freese, Hahn, Bies, McCormick, Sheridan, Lehman, Townsend, Gunderson, Nerison, Albers, Pridemore, Lothian and Molepske, cosponsored by Senators Lassa, Stepp, Erpenbach and Decker. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

- AN ACT *to create* 84.1034 of the statutes; **relating to:** designating and marking
- 2 STH 173 as the 173rd Airborne Brigade Highway.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, certain highway routes and bridges have been designated and marked to memorialize, commemorate, or recognize certain individuals, groups, or events. This bill directs the Department of Transportation to designate and, upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, mark the entire route of STH 173 as the "173rd Airborne Brigade Highway" to honor the members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, also known as the "Sky Soldiers," who bravely served their country and brought great credit to this state from 1963 to 1972, including deployment to Vietnam in 1965 as the first major ground combat unit of the U.S. Army to serve there, and who have continued to serve in Europe since the year 2000. No state funds, other than from contributions from interested parties, may be used for the erection or maintenance of any markers on STH 173 to identify the highway as the "173rd Airborne Brigade Highway."

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 84.1034 of the statutes is created to read:

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84.1034 Airborne Brigade, **173rd**, **Highway**. **(1)** The department shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark the entire route of STH 173, commencing at STH 21 in Monroe County and proceeding northeasterly to STH 73 in the city of Nekoosa in Wood County, as the "173rd Airborne Brigade Highway" as a living memorial to and in honor of the members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, also known as the "Sky Soldiers," who bravely served their country and brought great credit to this state from 1963 to 1972, including deployment to Vietnam in 1965 as the first major ground combat unit of the U.S. army to serve there, and who have continued to serve in Europe since the year 2000.

(2) Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining markers along the route specified in sub. (1) to clearly identify to motorists the designation of the route as the "173rd Airborne Brigade Highway," the department shall erect and maintain the markers. No state funds, other than from the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the erection or maintenance of the markers.