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2021 Wisconsin Act 91 [2021 Senate Bill 345]

Purple Heart Memorial Highway

1993 Wisconsin Act 347 designated U.S. Highway 14 commencing at the Wisconsin-Minnesota border and proceeding easterly to Richland Center as the “Purple Heart Memorial Highway” as a permanent memorial to and in honor of all persons wounded, injured, or killed as the direct result of enemy action who have been awarded this high honor in the name of the President of the United States. Act 347 required the Department of Transportation (DOT) to erect a permanent memorial marker along the designated route to identify the designation of this highway.

2021 Wisconsin Act 91 adds the entire route of State Trunk Highway 21 to the highways designated as “Purple Heart Memorial Highways.” The act requires DOT to erect a permanent memorial marker along this route to identify the designation of this highway.

The act also requires DOT to erect and maintain two signs, one facing each direction of traffic, marking State Trunk Highway 21 as a “Purple Heart Memorial Highway” within a municipality that requests the signs. Signs marking State Trunk Highway 21 as a “Purple Heart Memorial Highway” erected at the request of the municipality must be located within the right-of-way of State Trunk Highway 21 and may only be erected upon the receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining the signs.

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