

State of Misconsin 2009 - 2010 LEGISLATURE

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2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 415

September 4, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Hixson, Nass, Steinbrink, Petrowski, Sinicki, Vruwink, A. Ott, Mason, Berceau, Kerkman, Townsend and Brooks, cosponsored by Senators Kedzie, Wirch, Schultz, Lassa, Cowles and Darling. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT *to create* 84.10215 of the statutes; **relating to:** designating and marking 2 a portion of USH 12 in the city of Whitewater as the Stephen Ambrose Memorial 3 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 a portion of the route of USH 12 in the city of Whitewater as the "Stephen Ambrose Memorial Highway" in recognition and appreciation of the significant scholastic and literary accomplishments of American historian Stephen Ambrose, who spent much of his early life in the city of Whitewater, began his academic career by attending the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and has deep roots in south central Wisconsin. No state funds, other than from contributions from interested parties, may be used for the erection or maintenance of any markers on USH 12 to identify the highway as the "Stephen Ambrose Memorial 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:

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SECTION 1. 84.10215 of the statutes is created to read:

84.10215 Stephen Ambrose Memorial Highway. (1) The department shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark the route of USH 12 from CTH "P" to County Line Road in the city of Whitewater as the "Stephen Ambrose Memorial Highway" in recognition and appreciation of the significant scholastic and literary accomplishments of American historian Stephen Ambrose, who spent much of his early life in the city of Whitewater, began his academic career by attending the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and has deep roots in south central Wisconsin.

9 (2) Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including 10 any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining 11 markers along the route specified in sub. (1) to clearly identify to motorists the 12 designation of the route as the "Stephen Ambrose Memorial Highway," the 13 department shall erect and maintain the markers. No state funds, other than from 14 the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the erection 15 or maintenance of the markers.

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