

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1050

By: DeWitt of the House

and

Harrison, Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Barrington, Bass,
Branan, Brogdon, Cain, Capps,
Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain,
Crutchfield, Easley, Eason
McIntyre, Fisher, Ford, Garrison,
Gumm, Hobson, Johnson
(Constance), Johnson (Mike),
Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster,
Laughlin, Lawler, Leftwich,
Lerblance, Mazzei, Morgan, Myers,
Nichols, Paddack, Pruitt, Rabon,
Reynolds, Riley, Shurden, Taylor,
Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson and
Wyrick of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution designating a portion of State Highway 77 as the Jared "Jed" Douglas Hartley Memorial Highway; directing Oklahoma Department of Transportation to place permanent markers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Army Specialist Jared Douglas Hartley was born on January 2, 1983, and was raised in the town of Newkirk, Oklahoma, where he grew to be an active and outgoing student-athlete who was affectionately known by his family and friends as "Jed"; and

WHEREAS, Army Specialist Jared Douglas Hartley answered a calling to serve our great nation at the age of 19 by entering the United States Army on June 19, 2002. Jed completed basic training and earned an occupational specialty designation of being a light-wheeled mechanic when he completed his advanced training. He was then assigned to the 125th Forward Support Battalion out of Fort Riley, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Army Specialist Jared Douglas Hartley demonstrated tremendous drive and initiative in approaching his duty to serve and this was evident from the admiration and recognition shown by his fellow battalion members and the leadership ranks. Jed's leadership was not limited to building comradery with kind words and an upbeat attitude; he led by taking action and would volunteer for his first deployment to Iraq in April 2003 where, in addition to his mechanic duties, he volunteered as a machine gunner on armored vehicles. His dedication led him to receive an Army Commendation Medal for his outstanding performance; and

WHEREAS, Army Specialist Jared Douglas Hartley was redeployed in February 2005 where he became part of a special platoon known as the "Special Security Detachment" and was the lead gunner and manned the turret of the lead vehicle. Jed's adept skills were appreciated and utilized in not only quick decision making needed to ensure everyone's safety, but he used his keen mechanical inclination to single-handedly develop a host of modifications to the platoon's armored vehicles, which included additional spotlights and horns, improved armor plating for the gunner position, and modified the mounts for the vehicles' communication equipment. Jed's innovative measures earned him an Army Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, Army Specialist Jared Douglas Hartley, while courageously operating as the lead gunner on a Personal Security Detachment assignment out of Camp Taji, was killed in action by an improvised explosive device known as an IED on July 15, 2005. The brunt of the explosion hit the turret that was manned by Jed. Three fellow soldiers that were also inside the vehicle equipped with the modifications inspired by Jed walked away with minor injuries; and

WHEREAS, in all, Army Specialist Jared Douglas Hartley's awards included Valorous Unit Award, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Army Service Ribbon. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Purple Heart, and a Combat Action Badge; and

WHEREAS, while the number of years of service of Army Specialist Jared Douglas Hartley were few, his impact was immeasurable, whether in the relationships he forged or the inspiration he spurred for evaluating the method of equipping armored vehicles to help save future lives. Jed demonstrated the character, drive, loyalty, and dedication that not only define the type of quality soldier needed to keep the nation free, but are traits that made him an even better son, grandson, and brother.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the portion of State Highway 77 beginning on the northern municipal boundary of Newkirk, Oklahoma, extending north to the Kansas state line be designated as the "Jared 'Jed' Douglas Hartley Memorial Highway".

THAT the Department of Transportation cause permanent suitable markers to be placed upon the portion of highway bearing the name.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Phil Tomlinson, Secretary of the Department of Transportation; to Gary Ridley, Director of the Department of Transportation; to the members of the Transportation Commission; to Doug and Kathie Hartley, Ida Hartley, and Alex Hartley; and to Heather Haywood.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 23rd day of March,
2006.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 5th day of April, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate