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Signs Unveiled Commemorating the David Mee Memorial Highway

Signs commemorating the career of a long-time Kansas lawman were unveiled at a ceremony today in Corning.

The signs designate a 17-mile stretch of K-9 in Nemaha and Jackson Counties as the David Mee Memorial Highway.

In 2012, the Kansas Legislature passed H.B. 2509, introduced by Rep. Randy Garber, designating the highway and it was signed into law by Governor Brownback this past spring.

Guest speakers at today's ceremony included: Rep. Garber; Nemaha County Sheriff Richard Vernon; Reserve Deputy Russel Lierz, Nemaha County Sheriff's Office; and Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper Todd Helm.

Mee worked for the Kansas Highway Patrol for 27 years. He was hired on December 1, 1969, and was assigned to patrol the Kansas City area where he served for three years. He then transferred to Newton where he worked for nine years. In 1982, Mee transferred to Nemaha County where he served the remainder of his career with the KHP, until his retirement on June 15, 1996.

Following his retirement, Mee was the Nemaha County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Recycling Supervisor. In 2000, he was elected as Nemaha County Sheriff. He served as sheriff until his death on Jan. 2, 2006, a day shy of his 60th birthday.

“Throughout his life, David held strong values in integrity and hard work. He was dedicated to his profession in law enforcement and to the citizens of Nemaha County,” shared Reserve Deputy Lierz. “For him, law enforcement was not just about the job, but also about teamwork and the ‘family’ spirit that existed among his peers.”

Mee and his wife Brenda made their home just north of Wetmore, and he drove this particular stretch of K-9 highway many times on his way to and from work.

The cost of producing and maintaining the two new highway signs, which were constructed by the Kansas Department of Transportation, was covered by private funds. The eastbound sign will be located on K-9 near the K-63 junction in Nemaha County and the westbound K-9 sign near the US-75 junction in Jackson County.

A reception at the Corning Community Center followed the ceremony.

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