

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Bill 478**

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL, Representative LEVY B; Representatives GRAYBER, HIEB (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to memorial highways.

Whereas on November 5, 1980, Union County Deputies Raymond Williams and Michael Lynn Cheney were killed in the line of duty in their service vehicle while returning from a search and rescue mission; and

Whereas Deputies Williams and Cheney were traveling south on Oregon Highway 82 near Elgin, Oregon, when they were hit head-on by a driver who was impaired by intoxication from alcohol; and

Whereas Deputy Williams was 33 years old when he died and had been with the Union County Sheriff's Office for five years; and

Whereas Deputy Williams was survived by his wife, son and daughter; and

Whereas Deputy Cheney was 38 years old when he died and was on his 14th day of service with the Union County Sheriff's Office, after previously serving with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office; and

Whereas Deputy Cheney was survived by his two daughters, parents and siblings; and

Whereas designating a portion of Oregon Highway 82 as a memorial highway to Deputies Williams and Cheney will honor their service to benefit the lives of others and the ultimate sacrifice they made in the line of duty, while also paying respect to the families they left behind; and

Whereas a memorial highway to Deputies Williams and Cheney acknowledges the thousands of law enforcement officers in the State of Oregon who are currently serving in harm's way to protect our safety and peace; and

Whereas designating the portion of Oregon Highway 82 between mileposts 18 and 25 as the Deputy Raymond Williams and Deputy Michael Cheney Memorial Highway will neither change existing designations of Oregon Highway 82 nor require maps to be changed; now, therefore,

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. (1) The portion of Oregon Highway 82 between mileposts 18 and 25 shall also be known as the Deputy Raymond Williams and Deputy Michael Cheney Memorial Highway.**

**(2) The Department of Transportation shall place and maintain suitable markers along the highway described in this section that indicate the designation of the highway as the Deputy Raymond Williams and Deputy Michael Cheney Memorial Highway.**

**(3)(a) The department may accept moneys from and may enter into agreements with law enforcement groups, other civic organizations or individuals to create, install and maintain the markers.**

**(b) The department may not use public funds for the installation and maintenance of the markers.**

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**Passed by Senate March 22, 2023**

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Rob Wagner, President of Senate

**Passed by House May 8, 2023**

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Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

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