

House Bill 3418

Sponsored by Representative WILSON, Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, KNOPP, Representative ZIKA; Representatives BONHAM, HAYDEN, MCLANE, WILDE

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Provides that portion of McKenzie Highway shall also be known as Johnny Miner Memorial Highway.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to transportation.

3 Whereas Dr. Johnny Miner was instrumental in organizing a group of dentists in the Grants
4 Pass and Josephine County areas to provide oral health coverage for Medicaid recipients and the
5 uninsured; and

6 Whereas Dr. Johnny Miner helped organize over 30 dentists to provide an after-hours and
7 weekend emergency and urgency call system and to provide regular dental restorative and preven-
8 tive care; and

9 Whereas Dr. Johnny Miner was also instrumental, as a founding board member of Advantage
10 Dental, in providing oral health care in Klamath County, Central Oregon, Jackson County, Douglas
11 County and in the south coast, Columbia Gorge and Eastern Oregon areas; and

12 Whereas Dr. Johnny Miner passed away from complications from pneumonia at age 58 in the
13 late spring of 2008; and

14 Whereas at the time of Dr. Johnny Miner's untimely death Advantage Dental had provided care
15 for nearly 200,000 rural Oregonian Medicaid recipients as well as nearly 1.2 million Oregonians
16 through its after-hours and weekend call system housed out of Redmond Oregon; and

17 Whereas Dr. Johnny Miner always stopped by the wayside across from the Olallie Campground
18 on the McKenzie Highway on his way to Advantage Dental board meetings in Redmond, to take a
19 break traveling from his home in Grants Pass; and

20 Whereas the area around the McKenzie Highway was one of his favorite places in Oregon; and

21 Whereas it is fitting that a person such as Dr. Johnny Miner, who was tireless in pursuit of oral
22 health care for the underserved in Oregon, have this portion of McKenzie Highway named after him
23 as a remembrance of his service; and

24 Whereas everyone knew him best as Johnny; now, therefore,

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

26 **SECTION 1. (1) The portion of State Highway 242, known as the McKenzie Highway, be-**
27 **ginning at milepost 12 and ending at milepost 16 shall also be known as the Johnny Miner**
28 **Memorial Highway.**

29 **(2) The Department of Transportation shall place and maintain suitable markers indi-**
30 **cating the designation of the Johnny Miner Memorial Highway.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.