

**Amendment - 1st Reading-white - Requested by: John Esp - (S) Highways and Transportation**

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Drafter: Maxwell Parson,

SB0392.001.003

SENATE BILL NO. 392

INTRODUCED BY G. HERTZ

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAVERNE PARRISH MEMORIAL HIGHWAY; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL SIGNS AND TO INCLUDE THE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY ON THE NEXT PUBLICATION OF THE STATE MAP; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

WHEREAS, Laverne Parrish was born on July 16, 1918, to Clatious and Weltha Parrish; and  
WHEREAS, Laverne Parrish graduated from Ronan High School in 1937; and  
WHEREAS, Laverne Parrish enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1941, where he became a medical aidman; and

WHEREAS, Laverne Parrish was assigned to the 161st Infantry, 25th Infantry Division and participated in several major campaigns, including Guadalcanal, the Solomon Islands, and the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 1945, Laverne Parrish risked his life to save two wounded soldiers who were under enemy fire, moving one man to cover and exposing himself to enemy fire across open ground to provide aid to the second man; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 1945, Laverne Parrish again risked his life to aid 12 wounded soldiers in an open field, crossing and recrossing areas under enemy fire and making five successive trips to bring wounded soldiers to safety; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 1945, having treated nearly all 37 wounded soldiers in his company, Laverne Parrish was killed by enemy mortar fire; and

WHEREAS, Laverne Parrish was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism in Luzon, Philippine Islands, in 1945.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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