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Sign honoring WWII veterans unveiled

A sign designating a 270-mile stretch of U.S. 24 the “World War II Veterans Memorial Highway” was unveiled today at an event in Colby.

The bill authorizing the naming was passed by the 2009 Legislature, but until today the only posted signs on the highway were located at the eastern end of the route in Clay County. The sign unveiled today will be posted on the western end near the U.S. 24/U.S. 83 junction east of Colby.

By state law, the money for the sign and future maintenance must come from private donations. A local effort successfully raised the \$1,600 required in January.

Speaking at today’s event were Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King, KDOT’s Northwest Kansas District Engineer Jeff Stewart, Relda Galli of the Thomas County Historical Society and World War II veteran Dale Deaver of Levant.

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