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State Highway WW to be dedicated to McCormack Monday morning

The Greene County Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with State Rep. Shane Schoeller, will dedicate State Highway WW to the memory of Deputy Gary McCormack Monday, Oct. 6, 10:30 a.m., at the intersection of State Highway WW and Farm Road 145, north of Springfield.

McCormack was killed in an auto accident at that intersection Oct. 6, 2007, while responding to a call.

Rep. Schoeller worked with the Missouri State Legislator and the Missouri Department of Transportation to designate State Highway WW as the Gary D. McCormack Memorial Highway.

Greene County Sheriff Jack Merritt said the designation honors McCormack's bravery, his commitment to the Sheriff's Department and his sense of humor.

"He made the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of this county," said Merritt. "I think this tribute is not only to him and his service, but to his wife and two children."

Signs are already in place marking the Gary D. McCormack Memorial Highway, between State Highway 13 and State Highway H.

For more information, call Greene County Sheriff Jack Merritt at 829-6284 or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 829-6019 or 379-5713.

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