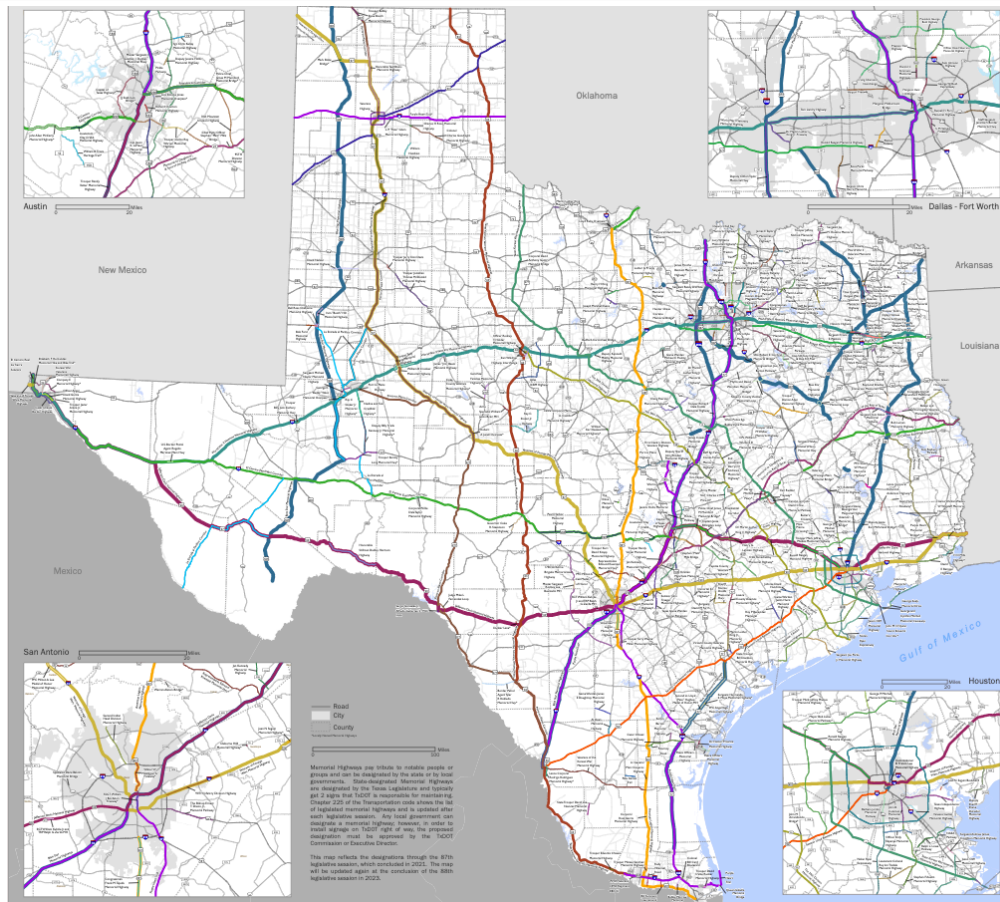


WHO IS WORTHY OF MEMORIALIZATION?

Examining the Practice of Police Memorialization via Designated Highways

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Why are highways dedicated to police?

Across the state of Texas, hundreds of highway miles are dedicated to fallen police officers. When I began researching this topic, I found a stretch of road in Pearland, Texas, that was designated as Rosa Parks Memorial Parkway in 2017. In 2019, this was replaced to memorialize a young officer named Endy Ekpanya, who was killed in 2016. This stimulated several questions for me, and I began to focus on the themes of replacement prevalent throughout the study of police

memorialization. Research surrounding this project engages with multiple disciplines, including geography, urban planning, public history, and political science.



"Friends, Family Unveil signs for Trooper Randy Vetter Memorial Highway," Commissioner Precinct 1 News, Hays County Commissioner, posted July 13, 2018, <https://hayscountytx.com/2018/07/13/friends-family-unveil-signs-for-trooper-randy-vetter-memorial-highway/>