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The Ohio House Transportation and Public Safety Committee

Thank you Chairman Green, Vice Chair Greenspan, and Ranking Member Sheehy. I appreciate the opportunity to talk to you today about House Bill 16, a proposal that designates a portion of State Route 43 in Jefferson County as the "Army Corporal Carl H. Bernhart Memorial Highway."

Carl H. Bernhart was born November 2nd, 1947 in Richmond, Ohio (Jefferson County). As a teenager he served as a lifeguard for three years at Jefferson State Lake near Richmond, Ohio. After his duties as a lifeguard, Private First Class Bernhart was enlisted as Active Duty Army with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam. Bernhart was killed in action while on a volunteer mission on March 16, 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam. He was only 20 years old and was killed by small arms fire.

Bernhart's willingness to serve his country and of his nation has formed a legacy that his community will not forget. Dedicating a portion of State Route 43 stands as a small act of gratitude for Bernhart's service and sacrifice for his service.

HB 16 calls for the stretch of roadway commencing at mile marker 12 and proceeding in a northwesterly direction to mile marker 14 as "Army corporal Carl H. Bernhart Memorial Highway." I respectfully ask for your support in honoring Carl and his family.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.