



Representative Larry Householder
72nd House District
Sponsor Testimony – HB 212

Chair Green, Vice Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to give sponsor testimony on HB 212. House Bill 212 would designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway.

Staff Sergeant Mardis was born and raised in Coshocton, Ohio. He joined the army on Sept 2, 1998 and became a Green Beret in 2001. He was highly respected by his comrades and known as an “organizational fanatic”. On July 15, 2004, he died at Walter Reed Army Medical Center from wounds he suffered in an explosion outside of Mosul, Iraq. He was twenty-five years old.

I would like to thank the committee for their consideration and support of HB 212, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence for travelling here from Coshocton to pay tribute to their grandson’s heroic service.