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Vice Chairman Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee; I am pleased to bring before you today House Bill 257 and I thank you for your time.

House Bill 257 would designate the portion of U.S. Route 68 located between Waits Road and Clements Road as the "Army Specialist David Lee Bingamon Memorial Highway".

David Lee Bingamon was born on June 3rd, 1944 in Hamersville, Ohio to William and Melvina Bingamon. He was one of seven children; five boys and two girls.

Imbued with a strong desire to serve, David volunteered for the Army in 1964. He spent one year stationed in the United States and two years in Germany before volunteering to go to Vietnam in January 1968.

One month later David was deployed to the Quang Tri Province where he served in the signal corps achieving the rank of Specialist Four.

On July 11th, five months into his tour, Army Specialist David Lee Bingamon was injured when both a tear gas and fragmentation grenade was thrown into the dayroom of his base camp. He was rushed to the hospital ship, the U.S.S. Repose where he later died of his injuries.

Becoming the first of five men from Brown County to die in the Vietnam Conflict, he was only 24 years old.

Like so many of his generation, David Lee Bingamon willingly answered the call of his country and gave the ultimate sacrifice. Dedicating a portion of U.S. Route 68 is the least we can do to honor this man and is just small token of gratitude we can show the Bingamon Family for the gift of their son and brother. Thank you for your time and I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation.

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