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HB 324: Toledo Firefighters J. Dickman and S. Machcinski Memorial Highway

Good Morning Chairman Green, Vice Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to speak regarding House Bill 324. This legislation would designate a portion of Interstate Route 75 in Toledo Ohio as the “Toledo Firefighters J. Dickman and S. Machcinski Memorial Highway.”

On January 26, 2014, two Toledo Firefighters, Private Machcinski and Private Dickman along with the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department responded to a call for a burning apartment in the North Toledo Residential area. Unaware that everyone had made it out safely, Mr. Dickman and Mr. Machcinski climbed into the burning building through a second-floor window to do what firefighters do: Put out the blaze and search for occupants. They soon encountered such extreme heat and smoke that they were unable to do the same. They were killed in the line of duty.

House Bill 324 not only honors the Toledo Firefighters but also honors the first responders who risk their lives every day to keep our communities safe. This legislation will continue to serve as a reminder of the sacrifice displayed by our first responders and will show the Toledo community and their families the unwavering support for these two fallen heroes.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony. I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.