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26th House District

**House Transportation and Public Safety Committee
House Bill 350 Sponsor Testimony
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Designate Patrolman Dane L. Rowe Memorial Highway
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Chairman Green, Vice Chairman Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy and members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 350, legislation to name a portion of State Route 317/Hamilton Road, the “Patrolman Dane L. Rowe Memorial Highway.”

Dane L. Rowe joined the Madison Township Police Department in May 1988, just three months after graduating from the Central Ohio Police Academy, where he was president of his class. After serving his community proudly and honorably for five months, working as safety patrol advisor at local schools and participating in community events, Patrolman Rowe was struck and killed by a motorist at the scene of an accident in November 1988.

Speaking with friends, family and those who knew Rowe, I am struck by his lasting impact. Story after story, I heard of his commitment to his fellow officers and dedication to service.

I want to thank Mr. Gary McDonald for allowing me to propose this legislation, as well as the friends and family of Patrolman Rowe for sharing his story. This renaming is a fitting testament to the enduring legacy of Dane and all those who sacrifice of themselves every day to keep our children, our neighborhoods and our communities safe.

I respectfully ask that this committee adopt House Bill 350 to memorialize one of our community’s great heroes. I will now take any questions you may have.

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