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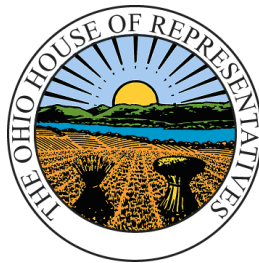
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House Bill 452 Sponsor Testimony
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Chairman Green, Vice-Chair Patton, Ranking Member Sheehy, and Members of the House Transportation committee: thank you for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony today on House Bill 452.

HB 452 will designate a portion of State Route 55, located in Miami County as the "PFC Marc L. Cole Memorial Highway." Marc served in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Lebanon with the international peacekeeping forces during the Lebanese Civil War. He was killed in action on October 23rd, 1983, during the bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon along with 240 other members of the US Military.

Marc was a friend of mine and graduated a year before me at Milton-Union High School. He was from Ludlow Falls, Ohio and was known to all as a patriotic and honorable man. He lived a life of service to his country and courageously died a hero when he was just nineteen years old. This legislation will commemorate his memory and the perfect devotion he gave in pursuit of protecting and promoting freedom.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony to you today, I ask all of you to join me in honoring this great American hero by voting yes on House Bill 452. I am happy to answer any questions at this time.