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**Ohio House District 66**

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Vice Chairman Patton, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee; I am pleased to bring before you today House Bill 582 and I thank you for your time.

House Bill 582 would designate the portion of U.S. Route 52 in Clermont County the "Clermont County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway" and the portion of U.S. Route 52 in Brown County the "Brown County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway."

Many Ohioans served their country in the Vietnam conflict to return home to protests and disrespect. These men and women answered the call and in doing so reflected the best in us. Yet they were shown the worst in us upon their homecoming. These heroes endured all manner humiliations; from being spat on to being constantly harassed and called the worst names imaginable.

Despite this, these brave veterans rose above the shameful conduct directed at them and applied the skills and knowledge they attained to better their communities. We can never fully thank them for their continued sacrifices of their service.

Each year more and more of these brave souls pass to the next life. To those still with us hopefully the naming of these highways can help to give back to the debt that we can never fully repay.

Thank you for your time and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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