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Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 577

Good morning Chairman Green, Vice Chair Patton, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to House Bill 577, which will designate memorial highways for Oscar Nicewander and Cpl. Jerry Robert Spitler.

Cpl. Jerry Robert Spitler was killed in the jungles of Vietnam on July 12, 1967. He was born and raised in Glenmont, Ohio and was the only local veteran lost in Vietnam. Oscar Nicewander was also killed in Vietnam on March 20, 1967. Oscar was from Dundee Ohio.

This Bill would designate a portion of State Route 93 in Tuscarawas County as the "PFC Oscar F. Nicewander Memorial Highway" and a portion of State Route 520 in Holmes County as the "Cpl. Jerry Robert Spitler Memorial Highway."

Both of these men served in the United States army and paid the ultimate price for our freedom. I am proud to bring forward this legislation to honor them. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, we ask for your favorable consideration of this legislation. Thank you for your time and I would be happy to address any questions you may have at this time.