Thank you Representative Sobecki, Chairman Wiggam, Vice-Chair Ginter, and the State and Local Government Committee for this opportunity to recognize another great chapter in Ohio’s aerospace history.

The abundance of American heroes grown right here in Ohio is no secret to any member of this committee. Alongside figures like Wright, Armstrong, and Glenn, Eugene Kranz served his country with a unique talent and determination.

His work on the Apollo and Gemini missions brought hope and inspiration to a generation of young American scientists, and helped carry the nation into the 21st century. I ask the support of each member of the committee to memorialize this brilliant Ohioan in creating the very first “Eugene F. Kranz Day.”