June 5, 2019

Dear Chairman Green, Vice-Chairman McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy and members of the Transportation Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB #234 naming a portion of I-271 in Orange Village as the “Ronald H Barron Memorial Highway”. We write this letter to express our full support of this tribute.

Mr. Ronald Barron joined Orange Village Council in 2013, and the mayor and council members listed below have all had the privilege of serving our community along with Mr. Barron.

Mr. Barron was an extremely effective member of the Orange Village Council. During his 5+ years on council, Mr. Barron served as a leader in all aspects of his role as councilman, and was an influential voice in our community’s largest project, Pinecrest, a new mixed use development in Orange Village, which abuts I-271. Mr. Barron’s financial expertise, thoughtful demeanor and positive leadership skills were instrumental in both his success as a councilman, and the success of the Pinecrest development.

Ironically, Mr. Barron and his wife had recently moved into the new residential units at Pinecrest, the first member of Orange Village’s government to do so, and this honor therefore takes on additional significance for his family and our community.

We all miss Mr. Barron’s presence. He was a positive, upbeat and thoughtful member of our Village’s governance and a good role model for all of us. We would take great pleasure honoring him in this visible and meaningful way.

Please accept this testimony in favor of the “Ronald H Barron Memorial Highway” in Orange Village as a tribute to a councilperson who achieved much and will be greatly missed.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to driving down the “Ronald H Barron Memorial Highway” in Orange Village.