

Good Afternoon Chairman Green, Vice Chairman McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy and fellow members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee.

My name is Delorise Hough I am the daughter-in-law of James H. Hough.

I feel that it is extremely important to those who have worked for the Department of Transportation to be recognized for their different skills. They are just as important in their line of work as others. They too need to know that they are just as valuable as troopers and others, because all play a vital role in the life of the department and safety of others.

The men and women who keep the grounds and parks clean, as well as truck drivers and flag men also help travelers needing help and play an important part in keeping travelers passing through our Cities and State safe.

The name of these individuals deserves to have their names posted along side of high ways as well. This would serve as a reminder of the importance of safety in our community, in addition to letting all workers know that

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they are valued and are just as important as others who have gone before them.

My father-in-law was a dedicated, committed and hard worker for the Department of Transportation. As a truck driver and flagman. He was very devoted to his family; and loved, and had a special bond with his grandson, James D. Hough, but never had the opportunity to meet his grand-daughter who was born 8 months after his death. I remember that he would change his schedule, just so he could spend quality time with his grandson: teaching, supporting and assisting in his development. He was always helping other whether on his job or in the community; up until his untimely death on the job for the Department of Transportation.

It would mean a lot to our family, his co-workers and his friends to have a sign with his name, James H. Hough on it along the side of a highway in Columbus, Ohio; in memory of our beloved father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather.