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Representatives Green, McClain, and Sheehy

House Transportation and Public Safety Committee

Ohio House of Representatives

Ohio Statehouse

Columbus, Ohio 43215

re: Letter of support for House Bill 259 "Designate Sgt David S. Harris Memorial Highway"

Honored Representatives:

David, as I remember, was probably the most interesting friend I had at Pleasant. He always seemed to possess this aura of confidence and likability that stood out above everyone else. I think everyone loved Dave Harris. He never walked around thinking he was better than anyone and he always took the time to say hello in the hallways during classroom hours. I never found David to be anything other than a friend.

Now after class when we went to the locker room to get ready to practice for Friday night, David was the determined warrior. You could see a different side of him that is hard to describe. His raw ability to play football not only was due to some skill, but as I look back I think there was more to him than the most would see. David had this determination and the idea that he could accomplish anything he set his mind to. I would have to silently laugh and be glad that I didn't have to try and bring down David during practice like some did. He would just annihilate them after gaining yardage, then after the play, he would help the poor defensive player up and make sure that he was ok.

So there was the very determined and skillful side as well as the compassionate side that I remember.

Now after graduation, I don't remember much other than David had the opportunity to go to The University of Nebraska. I think everyone was rooting for him to be successful since no one had ever had the same chance to go to a major University to play football. He was awesome!

Then of course the Army happened along with Vietnam Nam and I think David was one of the reasons I enlisted. After David was killed in action, I couldn't see myself sitting at home not contributing.

I'll always remember his big smile and his friendship. He always walked a little higher than everyone without anybody noticing.

God bless you David Harris!

Respectfully:

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