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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:

Dave Harris, who was he? Dave was a kind and gentle soul whom I will never forget! Fate brought him to Pleasant High School in Marion from Harding High in Marion because his mother couldn't hold the family together in town. One couldn't help comparing Dave to Clark Kent, who changed into Superman when he put the cape on, only Dave's was a football uniform. Dave, with his black-rimmed glasses, even looking like Clark Kent, mild mannered newspaper reporter. Dave was big, fast, and tough on the field but a gentle giant of a man off the field. He was the type of person who might catch a housefly and take it outside and release it to keep from killing it. He was always careful not to harm his teammates when the inter-squad scrimmages took place. I guess it's different for me and all who knew him and loved him to understand why a young man, who was asked to serve his country in Vietnam and killed less than 30 days after his arrival there, was shipped home in a box with three medals shouldn't have a section of highway named for him! Please consider this and help the memory of another fallen hero, who gave his life for his fellow officers and his country, live on in future generations to come.

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