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**State Representative Craig S. Riedel
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Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and Members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for allowing me to give sponsor testimony on House Bill 332. This legislation will designate a portion of State Route 66 in Defiance County as the “Purple Heart Trail of Defiance County” and the bridge spanning the Maumee River that is a part of State Route 66, in the City of Defiance, as the “Purple Heart Bridge.”

This bill comes in recognition of the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Clinton Street Bridge Replacement Project that is scheduled to re-open this winter. This \$8.3 million dollar project will replace the bridge that carries State Routes’ 15, 18 and 66 over the Maumee River. The bridge closed on February 25, 2019 with an estimated nine months of construction. The new bridge will carry four lanes of traffic and provide better access for pedestrians, bicyclists, and those with disabilities. The bridge name was chosen through collaboration with the City of Defiance and the Military Order of Purple Heart Fort Defiance Chapter 643. In addition, the trail name was chosen through collaboration between a veteran constituent and the Military Order of Purple Heart Fort Defiance Chapter 643.

Thank you for letting me address you today with my support for House Bill 332. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. S. Riedel".

Craig S. Riedel
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