



**State Representative Adam C. Miller**

**Representative Adam Miller's Sponsor Testimony on behalf of HB 262, Folds of Honor License Plate Before Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee**

I want to thank Representative Richardson for her leadership and work on this bi-partisan bill.

Thank you to Chair McColley, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the committee for allowing us to discuss HB 262 which, as amended, passed the House on June 19, 97-0.

HB 262, like most license plate legislation would provide alternative revenue for important causes in our state. It would provide monetary support for **Folds of Honor**, a non-profit organization that provides additional educational support to families of America's fallen and disabled service members.

There are multiple programs aimed at caring for our wounded and disabled veterans. But we often overlook the most important caregivers and supporters – and those who often suffer alongside our returning disabled veterans – their children, spouses, partners, and dependent family members.

This makes Folds of Honor unique because it provides education support from age 5. It does not wait until high school or college.

We know through studies and anecdotally that children of disabled veterans can struggle beyond their peers because of the pain, uncertainty, and disruption to their lives.

Worrying, questioning, and blaming are difficult issues for any child, let alone when your parent or guardian comes back a different person. Folds of Honor provides these children a chance to catch up, or even get ahead.

Money from the Ohio license plate will help fund these programs from tutoring support to college scholarships. License plate legislation also helps raise awareness for important causes and organizations like Folds of Honor and the other causes in the bill.

We do a tremendous amount for our service members and their families, but there are important gaps that remain and Folds of Honor is attempting to fill one of those.

Investing in children of disabled veterans is investing in Ohio and investing in our future.

A Folds of Honor License Plate will help.

Thank you.