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Senate Bill 337
Senate Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee
November 15, 2016

Chairman LaRose, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Minority Member Cafaro, and members of the Senate Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present to you Senate Bill 337.

This legislation to designate a portion of interstate 270, commencing at the interchange and state route 161 in northeast Franklin county and extending in a westerly direction to the intersection of interstate route 270 and Cemetery road, in the municipal corporation of Hilliard, as the "Hilliard Patrol Officer Sean Johnson Memorial Highway."

Hilliard Police Officer Sean R. Johnson was killed in the line of duty this past spring during a joint training exercise. He was a 16 year veteran of the Hilliard Division of Police and was a part of their newly established traffic-safety unit. The unit, which started in April 2015, was in the middle of an intensive two-week training period when he was killed.

Johnson was the first Hilliard officer to die in the line of duty in the division's 56-year history.

Before joining Hilliard Police, Johnson had served with the attorney general's Ohio Investigative Unit and was a Fairfield County Sheriff's Office deputy. He also served six years with the U.S. Air Force and is survived by two children, 14 and 11, and his mother.

The Hilliard community lost a devoted father and a courageous public servant. The death of Officer Sean Johnson in the line of duty should make us pause and give thanks for the law enforcement officers who encounter danger on a regular basis to keep our neighborhoods safe. I am humbled to offer this measure in honor of Hilliard Police Officer Sean R. Johnson.

With my testimony, I have included Resolution 16-R-20, adopted by the Hilliard City Council in support of Senate Bill 337.

Chairman LaRose and members of the Senate Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee and members of the committee, thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 337. I ask for your favorable support of this legislation to honor Hilliard Patrol Officer Sean Johnson and welcome any questions you may have.



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Adopted: July 11, 2016

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL NO. 337
RENAMING A PORTION OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 270 IN
FRANKLIN COUNTY AS "HILLIARD PATROL OFFICER SEAN
JOHNSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".**

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2016, the City of Hilliard lost Officer Sean Johnson, a beloved man who served sixteen years with the Hilliard Division of Police as a conscientious and dedicated police officer; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jim Hughes sponsored and introduced Senate Bill No. 337 to the 131st Ohio General Assembly to enact R.C. Section 5534.44 that would designate a portion of Interstate Route 270 in Franklin County as the "Hilliard Patrol Officer Sean Johnson Memorial Highway"; and

WHEREAS, Hilliard City Council and the Administration believe that renaming a portion of Interstate Route 270 after Officer Johnson is a proper and fitting tribute to the legacy he leaves with the Division of Police, the Hilliard community and Officer Johnson's extended family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the Hilliard City Council and Administration encourage all members of the 131st Ohio General Assembly to support and vote "yes" on Senate Bill No. 337.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hilliard, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. To honor the memory and dedicated service of Officer Sean Johnson to the Hilliard Division of Police and to the community at large, the Council of the City of Hilliard and the Administration proclaim their support for S.B. No. 337 and encourage its adoption by the Ohio General Assembly.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book and to forward certified copies to Ohio Senators and Representatives representing the City of Hilliard and to the Ohio Municipal League.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.


ATTEST:


Lynne M. Fasone
Clerk of Council

SIGNED:


Nathan D. Painter
President of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Tracy L. Bradford
Director of Law

APPROVED:


Donald J. Schonhardt
Mayor

Resolution 16-R-60

VOTE	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Baker	✓		
Carrier	✓		
Erb	✓		
Iosue	✓		
McGivern	✓		
Painter	✓		
Uttley	✓		
TALLY	5	0	0