

HB 401—Sponsor Testimony

Chairman Green, Vice Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the Transportation and Public Safety committee—thank you for allowing me to speak today on House Bill 401. This bill, if passed, would designate the bridge on State Route 422 spanning Squaw Creek in Trumbull County as the “Purple Heart Veterans Memorial Bridge.”

In doing so, this piece of legislation would honor those who have been wounded or killed in the line of duty as a members of the U.S. Armed Forces. It is my hope that this legislation will help to ensure that the sacrifices made by Purple Heart recipients will be honored for generations to come.

I want to thank my veterans’ affairs liaison, Robert Marino Sr., a 38-year air force veteran who was been the driving force and lead advocate for this initiative back in Trumbull County, and thank you all again for your time and consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have at this time.