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HB 372 | To Designate Richland County Veterans Memorial Highway
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Sponsor Testimony
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Good morning Chairman Green, Vice Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 372, which designates a portion of I-71 the “Richland County Memorial Highway.”

It is an honor to represent Richland County, which is home to eight Medal of Honor Veterans and thousands of other veterans who have served in every major war including the Civil War, WW I & II, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm and the Global War on Terrorism.

In addition to our Medal of Honor veterans, some other notable veterans include General Lahm from WWI who was instrumental in separating the Army Air Corps to the United States Air Force. He has an airport in Mansfield named in his honor. Another veteran, Col. Albert Allen, survived the Baton Death March. Many brave men and women from Richland County have served courageously and made countless sacrifices to serve our great nation for many decades.

To honor each one, I am proposing this legislation to designate a portion of Interstate 71 in Richland County as the “Richland County Veterans Memorial Highway.” Our veterans have earned our admiration and respect. It is my hope that this Memorial Highway conveys in some small way that each veteran from our county is valued and honored.