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**Transportation, Commerce and Workforce**  
**Chair, Senator Frank LaRose**  
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Good morning, Chairman LaRose, Vice-Chair Kunze, Ranking Member Schiavoni, and members of the Transportation, Commerce and Workforce committee. Thank you for allowing me to testify on Senate Bill 146, which would designate a portion of I-90 in Euclid as the “Army Specialist 4 Lawrence George Stapleton Memorial Highway.”

George Stapleton was born on August 10, 1946, in Euclid. In October of 1966, at the age of 20, he joined the U.S. Army. On August 4, 1967, he was killed in action due to a helicopter crash during the Vietnam War. The military has honored him by giving him the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal.

I received this request to honor Specialist Stapleton from several constituents. His friends, neighbors, and family members remember Specialist Stapleton for the sacrifice he made for his county and the incredible impression he left upon the people who met him. They remember him as a spirited and caring young man who contributed immeasurably to the world around him.

Washington D.C. has honored Specialist Stapleton by engraving his name on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. Now, it is time for the State of Ohio to honor him by designating I-90 mile markers 182 to 185 in Euclid as the “Army Specialist 4 Lawrence George Stapleton Memorial Highway.”

Chairman LaRose and members of the committee, I appreciate your attention to and consideration of honoring Specialist Stapleton. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.