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HB 411 Sponsor Testimony

Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 411, which creates the Ohio Sons of the American Legion License Plate.

The Sons of the American Legion was created in 1932 as a part of the American Legion and exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

Membership includes males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the military and were eligible for American Legion membership, and those who died in service to their country. It, along with the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary make up a membership of nearly 3 million, 365,000 of those members being a part of the Sons of the American Legion. The Legion Family places a high importance on preserving American Traditions and Values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

Since 1988, the Sons of the American Legion have raised more than \$6.9 million for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Members have also raised over \$2.5 million that has gone directly to VA hospitals and homes, as well as volunteered over 1.3 million hours to the agency.

The members of this organization prove time and time again their dedication to their communities, and it is my pleasure to bring this legislation forward. I thank you again for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony and welcome any questions that you may have.

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