

HB 424 Sponsor Testimony
Chairman Doug green

Vice Chairman McClain, Ranking member Sheehy, and members of Transportation and Public Safety. Today I testify in support of HB 424

Sargent Richard “Dickey” Wagner of Felicity, Ohio enlisted in the service on July 29, 1965. SGT Wagner received basic training at Ft. Knox in Kentucky and later received advanced training Ft. Gordon and Ft. Benning, Georgia.

He went overseas with the 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper. He was killed in Vietnam on February 12, 1968. He held the rank of E/4 at the time of his death.

Communications to the family of SGT Wagner stated he was with allied forces that recovered an enemy-held city, house-by-house. SGT Wagner was seeking shelter in a clearing on the outskirts of the recaptured city, when he encountered several of the enemy in hand-to-hand combat.

SGT Wagner was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force.

SGT Wagner is among many of the brave Ohioans who gave the ultimate sacrifice to serve his nation. As I’ve stated in the past, road naming bills are often overlooked legislation. It is important to remember that to the deceased’s family, classmates, and friends that these road namings are a recognition of the life and work of those represented on the sign. These bills are about never forgetting the people who make our state the best it can be. I would like to thank Ms. Erma Ungetheum, SGT Wagner’s sister, who brought this legislation to my office. My prayers go out to all who knew SGT Wagner.

Members, thank you for your time, and I will be happy to take any questions.